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The Other Hoops Squad

North Carolina boasts one of the few junior varsity basketball teams left in Division I. Coached by varsity assistant and former UNC guard Phil Ford (left), the Tar Heels have compiled a 6-1 record.

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NCAA Basketball Scores

UMass 78	Alabama 68	Florida 63	Va. Tech 72
Xavier 74	Syracuse 81	Kentucky 77	Rhode Island 66
Miss. State . 78	UConn 77	Boston Coll. 84	Penn State .. 95
Auburn 75	St. Johns 63	W. Virginia ... 63	Iowa 87
S. Florida 60	N. Mexico 58	Notre Dame .. 53	Mich. State ... 51
Cincinnati ... 79	Utah 74	G'town 70	Purdue 56
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Kansas 72	Georgia 68	Villanova 88	UCLA 69

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'Dogs Deny UNC Upset Bid

BY ALEC MORRISON
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CHARLOTTE — Georgia guard Kendra Holland refused to give North Carolina a shot at a major upset Sunday.

With less than a minute remaining in the contest between the Tar Heels and the Lady Bulldogs in the opening game of the Naismith Classic at the Charlotte Coliseum, Holland swiped the ball from UNC guard Lori Gear at the top of the perimeter and drove three-quarters of the court for a layup, securing an 80-75 victory for No. 1 Georgia (18-2).

UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said the Tar Heels (11-8) appeared to have a chance at a shot on that fateful possession, but forward Chanel Wright passed on a possible field goal attempt.

"I think more than anything else she didn't want to miss a shot," Hatchell said. "But you've got to be a player who says, 'I want the ball' when time is running out."

The steal and basket by Holland gave the Lady Bulldogs a 79-75 lead and forced the Tar Heels to begin fouling to stop the clock. Georgia forward Saudia Roundtree hit the front end of a one-and-one to boost the lead to 80-75 with 18.6 seconds remaining, and the Tar Heels needed at least two scores.

But in two possessions, Wright missed a jumper, and the clock expired before UNC could take another shot.

The Tar Heels gave themselves ample opportunity to record an impressive victory over a national powerhouse, but Georgia continually denied North Carolina any chance to put the Lady Bulldogs away.

The pesky Holland tallied four steals on the day, and Georgia forward La'Keisha Frett nailed go-ahead free throws on two occasions when UNC managed to tie the game.

After scrapping to a 13-12 lead 4:15 into the game, Georgia roared out of a timeout with a 9-0 run to build a 10-point lead, and UNC was forced to dig out of a hole the rest of the way.

Yet UNC refused to fade. Sparked by the audacious play of junior transfer Sadler, who finished with a game-high 24 points and nine assists, the Tar Heels closed the half with an 8-0 run in which Sadler recorded a 3-pointer, an assist, a defensive rebound and a steal.

"She's been playing great," Hatchell said of Sadler's performance. "She's been lighting it up. We didn't have a choice (but to start her). She has the experience we need on the team."

The teams opened the second half with a rapid-fire exchange of scoring, and UNC took a 48-47 lead behind the work of Reid. The sophomore forward drew a charge in the lane with 17:04 remaining to give the Tar Heels possession, then followed a Wright miss at the other end to grab UNC's only lead of the game.

The Tar Heels managed to move the ball more easily in the early part of the second half because Georgia abandoned the full-court press it employed at the start of the game. Throughout the first stanza the Lady Bulldogs tightened around the inbound UNC offense, wreaking havoc on North Carolina guard Jessica Gaspar. But the Tar Heels finally solved the riddle, and Georgia resorted to other tactics.

"I thought they did a good job from an offensive perspective, particularly adjusting themselves against our press," Georgia coach Andy Landers said. "We would run into the half court and sometimes not be matched up, leaving a North Carolina player open for a 3."

One option the Bulldogs countered with was to tighten Reid on the inside. Yet she managed to escape the pressure in the lane

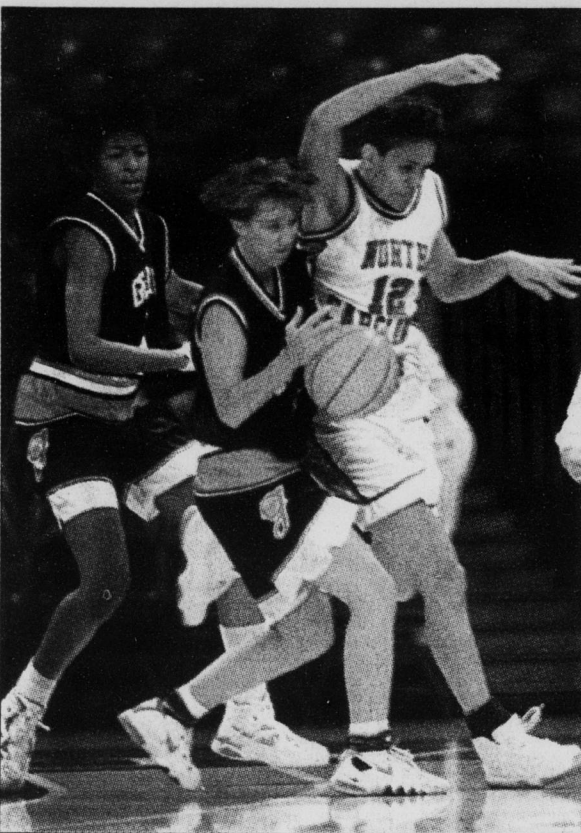
Sadler Sparks Tar Heel Run

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Women's Basketball Georgia 80 UNC 75



TRACY REID scored 20 points and pulled down eight rebounds Sunday vs. Georgia.



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Tar Heel Tonya Jackson (12) battles against a Georgia defender Sunday. UNC gave the 'Dogs a scare, but failed in its bid to upset the nation's top team.

to tally 12 second-half points and finished the afternoon with 20.

With close losses to N.C. State and Duke and a road defeat to ACC leader Virginia in the two weeks prior to Sunday's

game, Hatchell indicated she wants more production in the win column.

"This is not a moral victory," she said. "I don't like moral victories, and this is not a moral victory."

Women's Swimmers Notch 12th ACC Title

BY LEE TAFT
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Not even the icy weather could slow down the Tar Heel swimmers.

The No. 18 North Carolina women's swimming and diving team won its sixth consecutive ACC championship Saturday at Koury Natatorium by 328 points, the largest margin of victory ever in an ACC championship.

The previous margin was set in 1980 when N.C. State defeated UNC by 258 points.

Virginia finished closest to the Tar Heels, finishing the meet with 534 points, while Clemson finished third with a score 527.

"Each consecutive win means more and more to the team," sophomore Tracey Barrett said. "It's so much fun to be part of such a dynasty."

The win was UNC's 12th conference championship in the 18-year history of the meet.

"It's the major thing we want to do each year — be representative to win the title," UNC coach Frank Comfort said.

"Fortunately we've been able to win a lot of them."

"(The record margin) is a tribute to the tremendous first-line, front-line strength of our team. It's of equal tribute to the enormous effort of our team, an extremely well-rounded team."

The Tar Heels dominated the entire meet, winning 11 of the meet's 20 events and placing in the top three in all but two events. UNC also received 11 consideration bids for the upcoming NCAA meet, held in Ann Arbor, Mich., in March.

UNC sophomore Chrissy Miller was named the meet's Most Valuable Swimmer, as she received three automatic qualifications for her winning times in the 1650-yard freestyle (16:17.88), the 500-yard freestyle (4:46.45), and the 400-yard individual medley (4:16). Her times in the 1650-yard freestyle and the 400-yard individual medley also set ACC meet records.

"Actually, I was kind of surprised that I

ACC Women's Swimming and Diving Championships

The Tar Heels won their sixth straight conference title at Koury Natatorium.

North Carolina	862
Virginia	534
Clemson	527
Florida State	511
NC State	399
Maryland	362
Duke	175

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went that fast," she said. "I was pretty excited that I broke the records."

Leading the way for UNC was senior Kari Haag, who won her third consecutive 100-yard freestyle and defended her ACC titles in the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle. Barrett won the 200-yard backstroke and finished second in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke.

UNC won its seventh straight 400-yard freestyle relay, as Jennifer Latimer, Christy Garth, Beth Schlessman and Haag combined to post a time of 3:25.69, good enough for NCAA consideration.

The meet was especially sweet for the North Carolina seniors, as they closed out their careers at UNC having never lost an ACC championship meet.

"I'm lucky to have come in when they were turning things around," Haag said. "This conference is really tough. These guys are little spoiled right now, the freshmen. They're up there, because they are used to winning everything."

"We had to work for it. But we're a very talented team, and we deserved to win."

Senior co-captain Garth said the team's performance went beyond the team's abil-

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Treys Rain Supreme as N.C. State Sinks Tar Heels

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RALEIGH — It's been a running joke for three years. The back of N.C. State's game magazines have been graced with an advertisement for a brick company. Three holes protrude through a giant brick — an all-too-ironic portrayal of N.C. State's sporadic and often dismal 3-point shooting.

In its first eight ACC games this season, State shot only 29 percent from beyond the arc, and against North Carolina (16-5, 7-2 in the ACC) on Jan. 4, State (13-8, 3-6) missed 31 of 41 attempts.

But inevitably, a team will find a rhythm. Saturday at Reynolds Coliseum, the Wolfpack drilled nine first-half 3-pointers. And when UNC guard Shammond Williams' trey sailed long at the buzzer, the Wolfpack emerged with a 78-75 victory over the Tar Heels in front of 12,400 fans.

"I thought we really were out on them," UNC coach Dean Smith said. "They were equal making those shots against man and zone — those were some tough shots."

State drained a total of 14 treys on 33 attempts against UNC. The parade was led by Al Pinkins' four off the bench, and Danny Strong, who hit all of his three in the first half.

As Reynolds rained 3-pointers, UNC found itself in familiar territory. For the third consecutive game, the Tar Heels toyed with imminent disaster, allowing State to escape to a 19-point lead with 15 minutes remaining.

"That was the difference in the game, the first half," UNC guard Dante Calabria

said. "I don't know what our problem is in the first half. I just don't know."

Against Wake Forest and Duke, the Tar Heels pulled off improbable comeback wins from 18 and 17 points, respectively, but those were in the Smith Center.

Reynolds would not be as supportive. "We figured they would come back because they had done so against two teams

already," State forward Jeremy Hyatt said. "The crowd was a big factor — the sixth man. They got loud and it kind of rattled them, and it kind of pumped us up to keep us going."

In keeping with their week-old routine, the Tar Heels crept back into the game.

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Rallies Finally Tire UNC As Comeback Falls Short

BY ROBBIE PICKERAL
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RALEIGH — N.C. State coach Les Robinson couldn't relax.

With 12.4 seconds remaining in front of a capacity crowd at Reynolds Coliseum, he apprehensively watched North Carolina superfreshman Antawn Jamison tear down UNC's fourth offensive rebound on one possession and put back a bucket to cut State's lead to one.

"You don't relax," Robinson said. "I might if we're playing Sisters of the Poor ... but with this team, no. With Carolina you



SHAMMOND WILLIAMS finished Saturday's game with 10 points.

don't relax — if we had been up 30, I wouldn't have relaxed."

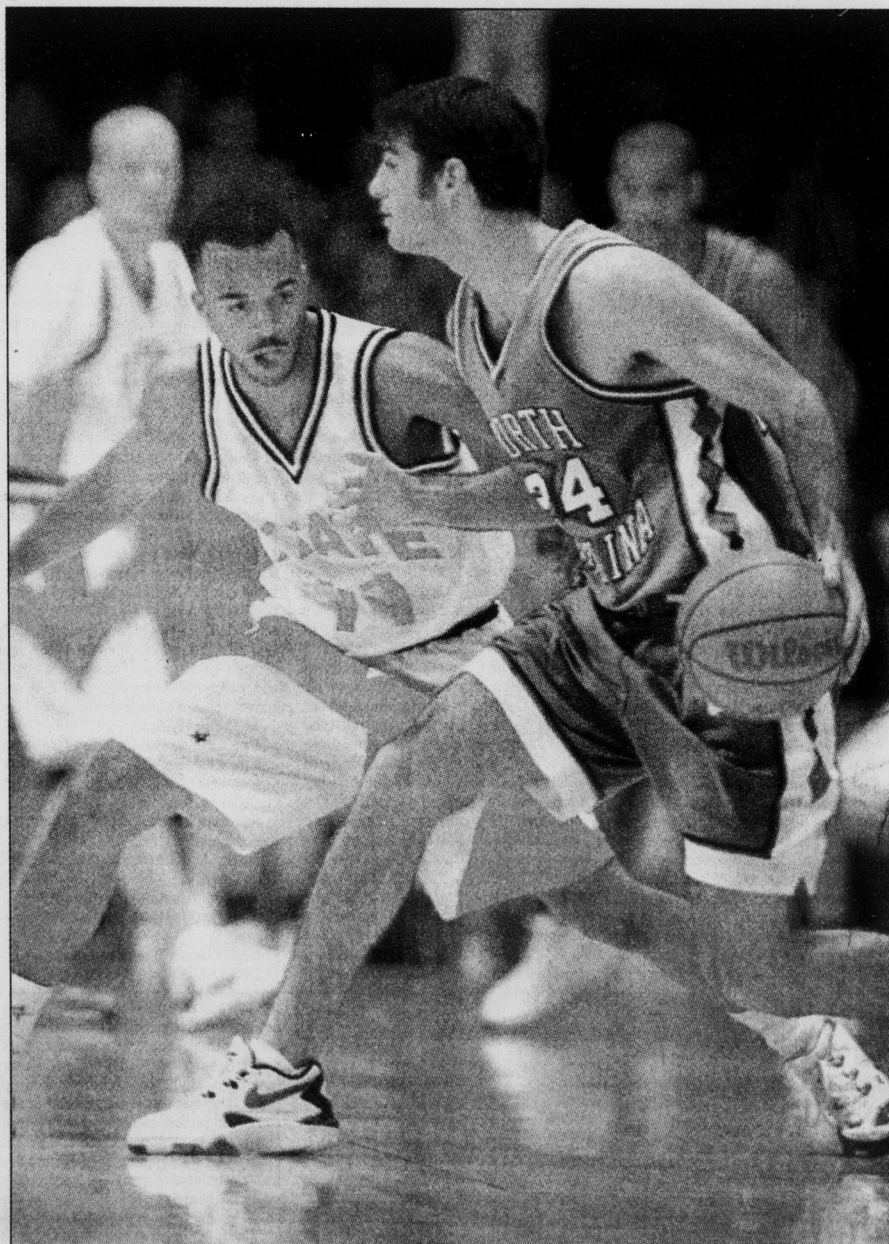
Jamison's tip-in capped a 16-point rally by the comeback kids of No. 8 North Carolina, and it made even the most ardent Wolfpack fans fidget. This was, after all, UNC — the team that edged Maryland on a Jamison tip-in; the team that had battled back from an 18-point deficit to take possession of the ACC lead against Wake Forest; the team that rallied 12 points to eke past nemesis Duke on a Dante Calabria putback.

"They're the masters at coming back," Robinson said. "They come back better than any team in America. That's what makes them so great."

But when sophomore reserve Shammond Williams' desperation trey bounced off the rim as time ticked away, UNC's record of rallies ceased.

UNC had simply waited too long and counted too much on their ability to

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North Carolina guard Dante Calabria (24) drives past N.C. State guard Curtis Marshall (11) on Saturday.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday Men's Basketball vs. Maryland, Smith Center, 9 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Davidson, Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center, TBA	Friday ACC Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, Koury Natatorium, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Women's Basketball at Florida State, Tallahassee, Fla., 7 p.m. Baseball vs. Central Florida, Orlando, Fla., TBA	Sunday Gymnastics vs. James Madison, Carmichael Auditorium, 2 p.m. Indoor Track at Boston University Valentine Meet, Boston, Mass., All day Baseball vs. Alabama, Orlando, Fla., TBA
Wednesday Women's Basketball vs. Georgia Tech, Carmichael Auditorium, 7 p.m.	Saturday Wrestling vs. UNC Greensboro, Carmichael Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. ACC Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, Koury Natatorium, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Indoor Track at Boston University Valentine Meet, Boston, Mass., All day	
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