



SOFTBALL Page 8

Doubleheader Dominance

The North Carolina softball team swept a doubleheader vs. Furman on Sunday, winning 2-1 and 4-0. Brandy Arthur (left) pitched a two-hitter in the second game to record the shutout for the Tar Heels.

SPORTS MONDAY

The Daily Tar Heel

NCAA Basketball Scores

N.C. State 76	Indiana 75	Villanova 67	Memphis 60
Duke 79	Michigan 80	Pittsburgh 64	Georgetown 81
Missouri 72	UMass 74	Kansas 61	Stanford 62
Maryland 91	Va. Tech 58	Iowa State 50	Oregon 64
Wake Forest . 63	Kentucky 90	Cincinnati ... 87	Boston Coll. 70
Ga. Tech 64	Tennessee 50	DePaul 60	Providence ... 68
Florida State . 59	Notre Dame .. 65	Arizona 86	Miss.St. 64
Clemson 67	UConn 85	USC 72	Mississippi.. 71

Monday, February 19, 1996

14

Williams' Offensive Boost Lifts Tar Heels Over UVa.

BY ROBBY PICKERAL
SPORTS EDITOR

North Carolina needed an offensive surge, and Coach Dean Smith knew it.

Down by one with less than six minutes remaining in Saturday's game against Virginia, the Tar Heels had battled back from an eight-point deficit, but the score kept bouncing back and forth like a great big pendulum.

Men's Basketball	
UNC just	66
Virginia	66
UNC	71

UNC couldn't seem to break the deficit, failing to rally an offensive burst to put them over the top.

"I looked at (assistant) coach (Bill) Guthridge and said, 'We can't score,'" Smith said. "He said, 'Maybe Shammond can.'"

So Tar Heel sophomore Shammond Williams hopped off the bench, listened to his instructions, trotted to the scorer's table and checked into the game.

Forty-four seconds later, he buried a shot from behind the arc.

Thirty-four seconds after that, he converted a breakaway jam off a Jeff McInnis steal.

And with less than a minute left in the game, he swished 5 of 5 charity shots to seal No. 17 UNC's (18-7, 9-4 in the ACC) win against the Cavaliers (11-12, 5-8) 71-66 in front of 21,572 at the Smith Center.

"They all seem to go down to the wire for us," Smith said. "That's almost a blow-out."

But Williams' role in the game's home stretch was not new — or unexpected. The guard from Greenville, S.C., had played an active role near the end of three games prior to Saturday's win.

At Reynolds Coliseum against N.C. State on Feb. 3, Williams missed a shot that would have sent the game into overtime. The next game, vs. Maryland at the Smith Center, Williams dribbled the ball off his foot, halting a 17-point comeback.

"Those two games maybe got me down a little bit," Williams said. "Then I had the opportunity to help us win at Clemson ..."

And he did, burying two of three free throws in the waning moments last Wednesday night. That win snapped UNC's three-game losing streak.

"I'm glad to be getting my confidence back, and hopefully I can continue playing well and help the team whenever I can, because it's a team effort," Williams said. Indeed, the Tar Heels looked more concise Saturday than they have since the beginning of the season. Four players — Dante Calabria (16 points), McInnis (13), Williams (12) and Ademola Okulaja (11) — scored in double figures, and the Tar Heels forced 12 Cavalier turnovers in the

second half.

But for the seventh straight game, UNC had to rally from a halftime deficit via a lackadaisical first stanza in which the Cavs were 6 of 12 from 3-point land.

"We played poorly the first half," Smith said. "I think we were lucky to only be down two. Dante had to hit a tough 3 from the corner (before halftime) to do that."

Coming out of intermission, one of the Tar Heels' main goals was to shut down guard Curtis Staples, who converted four treys in the first stanza.

"We promised at the half that we were

going to be this close to (Staples) when he got it," Smith said, holding his hands about two feet apart, then shortening the distance as he continued. "Antawn (Jamison), two times, let him have about this much, and he made two. And from then on, you saw this streak coming out — it was Antawn — to make sure he wouldn't get any more shots off."

Staples was 3 of 8 from behind the arc in the second stanza as he scored on UVa.'s first three possessions of the second half.

See MEN'S BASKETBALL, Page 11

UNC Zone Picks Up Pace, Derails Wahoos in 2nd Half

BY TODD GRAFF
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Playing zone can be a drudging task — a laborious process of planting one's feet on defense and guarding space. There are no individual battles to excite intensity, and success hinges on deception — looking as wide and inflated as possible to cover the gaps.

On the other hand, man-to-man defense can be tiresome, chasing an opponent through mazes of screens or hurrying a body at a hulking forward on the blocks.

In either scheme, the mentality is somewhat passive, reacting rather than pressing, all the while allowing the opponent to dictate play.

North Carolina knows all about these schemes.

Through three-quarters of Saturday's 71-66 win, UNC allowed Virginia to weave in and out of zones and roll off screens for 11 3-pointers, two-thirds of the Cavs' total.

"For some reason, we just didn't have the enthusiasm in the first half," UNC forward Antawn Jamison said.

And with less than nine minutes to play, North Carolina found itself trailing 50-46 to UVa., a team invariably content to shorten the court, slow the tempo and ceaselessly search for its snipers to fire open 3s.

The Cavs had made only five buckets in the second half, but four of those were 3-pointers, and they had limited UNC to five buckets in increasing their half-time lead by two.

"We pretty much controlled three-quarters of the game," UVa. guard Curtis Staples said. "It was that one quarter that hurt us."

So after Serge Zwicker lofted a hook over Chris Alexander to cut the lead to 50-48, UNC forced a change in the game's pace by abandoning its passivity. The Tar Heels scrambled in the front court and in the backcourt, forcing five turnovers and allowing only six Cavalier shots over the next eight minutes.

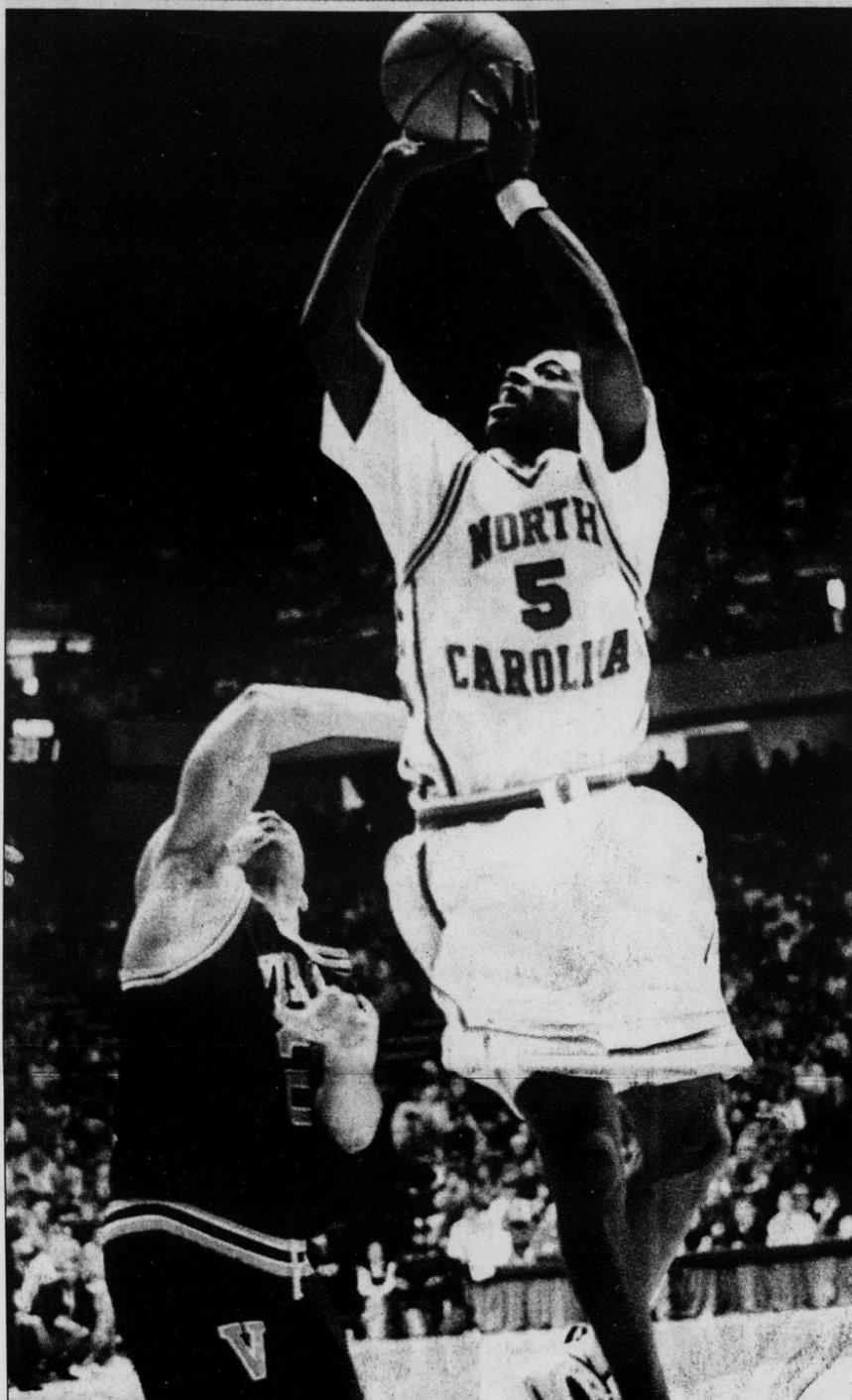
"I guess you could say that you've got to concentrate more (when trapping)," UNC guard Dante Calabria said. "You've got to be more into what we're doing, because it's not just going back into man-to-man or into zone. We're putting something on, and you've got to concentrate and be in the right area."

From the 8:55 mark until just under the one minute mark, the Tar Heels ran off an 18-3 run with a collapsing defense that forced UVa. point guard Harold Deane into three turnovers. Courtney Alexander turned the ball over three times in the run, and the Tar Heels forced a shot-clock violation.

"When they start panicking and start rushing things, and we start running up and down the court, it's fun, and you feel more relaxed," Jamison said.

The backcourt threesome of Calabria, Jeff McInnis and Shammond Williams led the charge, totaling 14 points, four assists and four steals.

See DEFENSE, Page 11



North Carolina point guard Jeff McInnis (5) shoots for two of his 13 points Saturday. UNC beat UVa. 71-66.

Women Upset 'Pack, Snap 3-Game Skid

BY JOSEPH ROLISON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Finally, the North Carolina women's basketball team has wrested the monkey from its back.

Since their 93-68 trouncing of then-No. 23 Clemson on Jan. 13, the Tar Heels had not managed to topple a ranked opponent. First, UNC lost to then-14th-ranked North Carolina State 76-72 on Jan. 17. Near-miss losses to then-No. 13 Duke, top-ranked Georgia and No. 21 Clemson followed.

It appeared that no matter how close the Tar Heels came to defeating a ranked opponent, they were hexed by a spell that would not allow an upset.

But Sunday before 6,837 at Carmichael Auditorium, North Carolina (13-11, 8-6 in the ACC) ended its jinx with a 75-65 win over No. 16 N.C. State (17-7, 9-4). The win snapped a three-game losing skid that included the 79-78 overtime loss to Clemson last Wednesday.

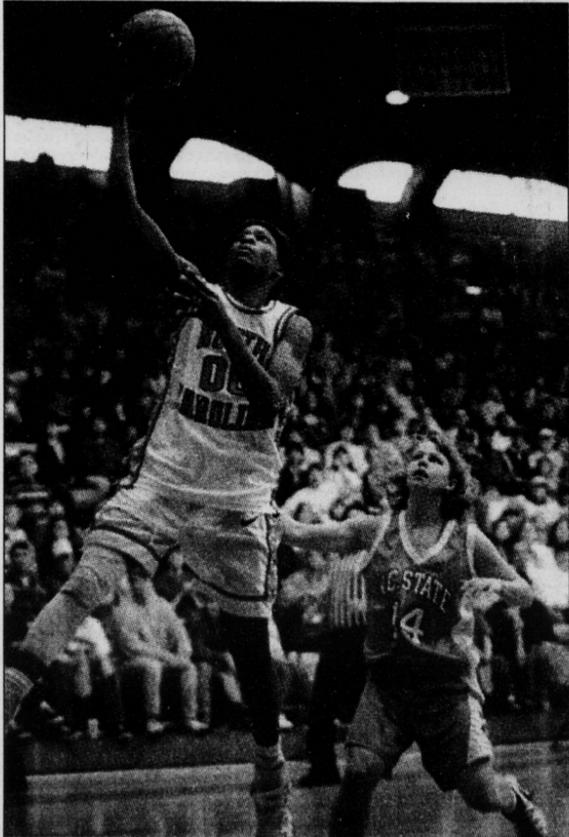
"We felt like (Clemson) was a game we should have had," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "We've had plenty of those."

"I knew eventually (a big win) would happen. ... We've been in a lot of these situations. That's just going to make us better down the stretch."

The most ironic aspect of the Tar Heels' win was that much of the game resembled the two teams' January matchup in Raleigh. On Sunday, North Carolina fell behind early, clawed back to claim a slim

Women's Basketball	
N.C. State	65
UNC	75

Reid's 30 Points Key Tar Heel Win	
See Page 9	



UNC forward Tracy Reid (00) drives for a layup Saturday as N.C. State's Jennifer Howard looks on. Reid scored 30 as the Tar Heels won 75-65.

half-time margin and increased its lead to begin the second half.

But unlike the matchup in Reynolds Coliseum, UNC quashed State's hopes for a comeback after the Tar Heels exploded on a 12-2 run that put them up 51-36 with 12:55 left in the game.

"They came out prepared and ready to go," N.C. State coach Kay Yow said. "We weren't in high gear, and they were. They made their run then, and that was the difference."

See WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, Page 9

Men's Netters Vanquish VCU, Rout Tribe to Stay Undefeated

BY PAUL STRELOW
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina's men's tennis team may not have passed its first test of the season with flying colors, but it still received a passing grade from its teacher.

The No. 20 Tar Heels (4-0) defeated 18th-ranked Virginia Commonwealth 5-2 on Sunday at Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center. The win marks UNC's first victory over a ranked opponent this season. The win also rounded out a weekend sweep for the Tar Heels, who crushed William & Mary 7-0 on Saturday.

UNC coach Sam Paul, who earlier called the VCU match his team's first big test, said he was happy with the results.

"I'm very pleased with some things, but we've still got some to improve on," Paul said. "We knew it would be a dogfight. For our first pressure situation, I'm very pleased."

Tripp Phillips, the No. 6 seed in singles, came back after losing a first-set tiebreaker to defeat Pascal Salasca 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Phillips' win ensured the Tar Heels a victory over the Rams.

"I started off a little bit slow," said Phillips, a freshman from Charlotte. "It was a close first set, and it came down to the wire. Then I got a little more determined and came out fired up."



DAVID CALDWELL went undefeated in both singles and doubles this weekend.

"Let him dictate (the first set). That was the difference in the second and the third. I thought I dictated more."

Paul said Phillips responded well in his first pressure situation, a position he will be in often during his UNC career.

"That's one reason we like him here," Paul said. "He stepped up today, and that's the way he was in his junior career."

Phillips' victory overshadowed dominant singles performances by David Caldwell and Paul Harsanyi. Caldwell, the No. 1 seed, routed Boris Kodjoe 6-2, 6-2, while No. 4 Harsanyi topped Sebastian Praelauch 6-2, 6-3.

"I played real well in singles and doubles," Caldwell said. "I thought I was moving well, and that dictated my play. Once I got up on him I felt pretty good and felt in control of the match."

Paul agreed with his senior co-captain, See MEN'S TENNIS, Page 9

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday
Baseball at Campbell, Buies Creek, TBA

Wednesday
Women's Basketball vs. Maryland, Carmichael Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Thursday
Men's Tennis vs. UNC-Charlotte, Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center, 2:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Minnesota, Finley Field, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball vs. UNC-Asheville, Boshamer Stadium, TBA

Men's Basketball vs. VMI, Smith Center, 7:30 p.m.

Friday
Indoor Track and Field at ACC Championships, Greensboro, All day

Baseball vs. Seton Hall, Boshamer Stadium, TBA

Softball at Triangle Invitational, Raleigh, TBA

Women's Basketball at Duke, Durham, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Indoor Track and Field at ACC Championships, Greensboro, All day

Fencing at Princeton Dual Meets, Princeton, N.J., All day

Men's Basketball vs. Florida State, Smith Center, 2 p.m.

Baseball vs. Seton Hall, Boshamer Stadium, TBA

Softball at Triangle Invitational, Raleigh, TBA

Sunday
Men's Lacrosse vs. Radford, Fetzer Field, 2 p.m.

Baseball vs. Seton Hall, Boshamer Stadium, TBA

Softball at Triangle Invitational, Raleigh, TBA

Wrestling vs. N.C. State, Carmichael Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.