



SPORTS BRIEFS

Kentucky to name coach

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The University of Kentucky has scheduled a news conference Monday to announce a new head football coach.

News reports have speculated for weeks that the job will be given to Hal Mumme, coach of Division II Valdosta State. The Louisville Courier-Journal reported Sunday that Mumme told four players after his team's 24-19 loss to Carson-Newman on Saturday that he was leaving to become the Kentucky coach.

Also present at Saturday's game in Jefferson City, Tenn., was Larry Ivy, Kentucky's senior associate director of athletics.

Ivy declined to say why he was at the game. Mumme also refused to talk about whether he had accepted the Kentucky job.

Kentucky fired Bill Curry on Oct. 21, when the team was 1-6. The Wildcats finished the season with a 4-7 record, including a 3-5 mark in the Southeastern Conference. Curry finished his seven-year career at Kentucky with a 26-52 record.

Norwegian takes crown

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. — A bust as a downhill, Tom Stiansen has forged a new career on shorter skis.

Stiansen, of Norway, earned his first career World Cup victory in five seasons on the circuit, skiing to a narrow win over Thomas Sykora of Austria in a men's slalom Sunday.

Stiansen admitted surprise at his accomplishment. His best results have come in giant slalom, with second- and third-place finishes in that discipline last season. He finished eighth in a slalom last week at Park City, Utah, matching his best previous slalom finish.

"If someone had told me my first win would come in slalom," he said, "I wouldn't have believed them."

"I was on the downhill team for three years, and I didn't make any results. I didn't train slalom those three years, but I've been focusing on it this year and last, and I had a good result today."

Stiansen, the first-run leader, maintained his advantage and beat Sykora by .16 seconds.

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Reid eases into lineup as Tar Heels rip ETSU

Tracy Reid and Chanel Wright played together for the first time this season.

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She returned quietly, a mere sub within a rotation of her Tar Heel teammates, but her impact was instantaneous.

After serving a two-game suspension for violating team rules to begin the basketball season, North Carolina forward Tracy Reid finally stepped back onto the Carmichael Auditorium court Saturday with all of the slash and flash that made her a first-team All-ACC selection last season.

She was neither the leading scorer nor rebounder in No. 23 UNC's (3-0) 97-56 rout of East Tennessee State (2-2), but her presence went beyond her 27-point, six-board performance in front of a crowd of 894. She was the missing piece of a speedy triumvirate expected to lead the Tar Heels this season.

"I'm so excited because we've got our whole team back," said sophomore guard Chanel Wright, last season's ACC Rookie of the Year. "I know (Tracy) was anxious to play, and I'm happy she came out and had a good game. She's such a good player, and I'm glad she did well."

Saturday marked the first time Wright took the floor with both Reid and junior point guard Marion Jones, who redshirted last season to train for the Olympics in track. The three had played together in practice, whetting everyone's lips for the speed, size and strength that the trio would form. But perhaps no one expected the instant fluidity that hit the frontcourt as soon as the trio hit the floor.

"I was waiting for that connection, to see how things would go," Reid said. "I think they worked out pretty good for us."

"Pretty good" (with a smile) is a slight understatement. Reid played just 21 minutes Saturday, but her presence was felt the instant she hit the floor. With the attack on offense and grit on 'D' that has become her trademark, the junior entered the game for Nicole Walker at the 15:42 mark and played with the vengeance of an athlete trying to find her rhythm. She missed her first shot but found her stride with a layup a minute

later, and she never looked back.

"At first I was a little rusty there," she said. "... But as things went along, I felt myself getting back in the rhythm. I felt confident in getting back out there on the floor."

While Reid was finding her beat, Wright and Jones were continuing theirs.

In UNC's last game against Radford, Wright posted a career-high 30 points. Saturday, with a fluid combination of soft finger rolls, strong layups and lofty 3s, she matched that total.

"She had some big-time moves and some big-time shots," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "And we're not talking about a lot of layups. She had some really nice moves."

Jones (13 points, five rebounds) did what she does best — ran the floor, found her teammates and intimidated her opponents into giving up the ball.

"There's so much quickness, and that really affected us," said Lady Bucs coach Karen Kemp.

Size and depth didn't hurt, either.

UNC came out of the gates early, as Jones got ahold of the ball on one end of the court and fed Wright on the other. East Tennessee State stayed within single digits for the first 10 minutes of the game, but with Wright, Jones and Reid in the lineup together, the trio formed a formidable tower on the perimeter that the Lady Bucs' smaller lineup had trouble penetrating.

"That's a pretty good perimeter game, when you're averaging about 6-feet," Hatchell said. "And when you can spread out and see your quickness, that makes any offense tough."

UNC only extended its dominance to open the second half, upping a 20-point lead to 30 in the first 10 minutes.

"The biggest thing you're thinking out



UNC forward TRACY REID served a two-game suspension for violating team rules.

there is, 'They're not going to do that to me next time,'" said Lady Buc guard Christina Ervin. "And then they do it. But it's a big challenge."

All of UNC's available players got at least 11 minutes on the court, as Hatchell said she was trying to solidify her lineup before ACC play begins in January. Sophomore guard Jessica Gaspar posted a team-high seven assists, and center Sheneika Walker had another strong game in the paint with 10 points and eight boards.

Still, Wright, Reid and Jones were the stars of the game, as Kemp expects they will be for the remainder of the season.

"Those three are the definition of quick," she said. "And strong."

UNC faces Mt. Saint Mary's tonight

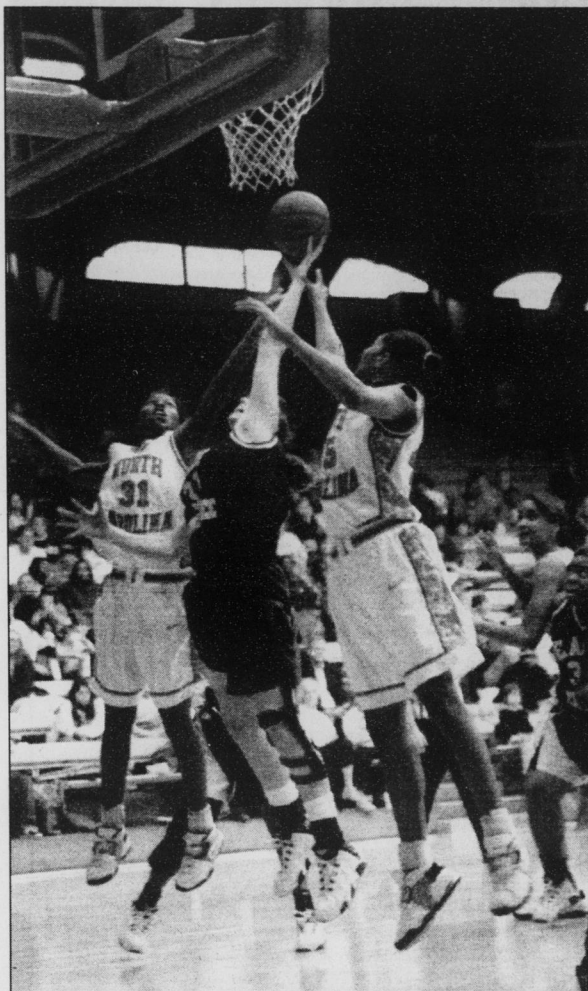
The Tar Heels will rely on that combination of quickness and strength again tonight when they meet Mount Saint Mary's in Carmichael Auditorium at 5 p.m. The contest should offer UNC more opportunity to experiment.

But Mount Saint Mary's may put up a greater fight than the lesser foes the Tar Heels have trounced to date.

"They've been in the NAAs basically every year," Hatchell said. "They can play with about anybody. They've upset a lot of people. They beat Radford pretty good a couple of weeks ago, you know, somebody we've both played, but they beat them between 25 and 30 points. So they're a good team."

UNC 97, ETSU 56
Score Box

ETSU	30	26	56
UNC	50	47	97
ETSU: Ervin 6-9 3-4 18, Glass 1-11 4-4 7, McClain 2-4 0-0 4, Thomas 3-6 2-3 8, Wilson 3-13 0-0 8, McKinney 1-8 2-3 4, Fikes 0-0 2-2 8, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Babb 0-1 0-1 0, Vaughn 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 18-60 13-17 58.			
UNC: Wright 13-19 1-2 30, N. Walker 0-4 0-0 0, S. Walker 4-9 2-2 10, Gear 0-1 2-2 2, Jones 6-10 1-2 13, Gaspar 1-2 0-0 3, Reid 11-15 5-8 27, Clay 2-5 2-3 8, Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Dewkins 0-3 2-2 2, Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 38-73 15-21 97.			
Three-point goals — ETSU 5-14 (Ervin 3-5, Fikes 1-2, Glass 1-5, Davis 0-2); UNC 4-8 (Wright 3-5, Gaspar 1-1, Gear 0-1, Dewkins 0-1). Rebounds — ETSU 34 (Glass 8); UNC 44 (S. Walker 8). Assists — ETSU 8 (Ervin 4); UNC 18 (Gaspar 7). Total fouls — ETSU 14, UNC 15. Attendance — 894.			



UNC rebounder Chanel Wright (31) and guard Marion Jones try to block ETSU's Erica Babb on Saturday. Wright scored 30 points, matching her career high.

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