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PAINFULLY FAMILIAR FINISH

Utah jumped out to a 15-2 lead and never trailed in its win against UNC.

BY ALEC MORRISON
SENIOR WRITER

SAN ANTONIO — The gameloneg torture North Carolina endured Saturday at the hands of Utah was extraneous. UNC only needed five minutes to watch its national championship hopes vanish.

Utah, the No. 3 seed and West Regional champion, picked apart UNC's offense and slashed through its defense on the way to a 65-59 NCAA semifinal win before a crowd of 40,509 at the Alamodome. But the Utes set the evening's agenda much earlier, taking a 15-2 lead in the game's opening minutes.

North Carolina (34-4) never escaped that deficit, shooting a season-low 39 percent and falling out of the title hunt one game shy for the third time in four years. Utah's early torrent, in which it hit 6 of 10 shots, put the smart, steady Utes (30-3) on par with the more athletic Tar Heels.

"They showed up to play for the first five to 10 minutes, and we didn't," UNC forward Ademola Okulaja said. "That cost us the game. They made every shot."

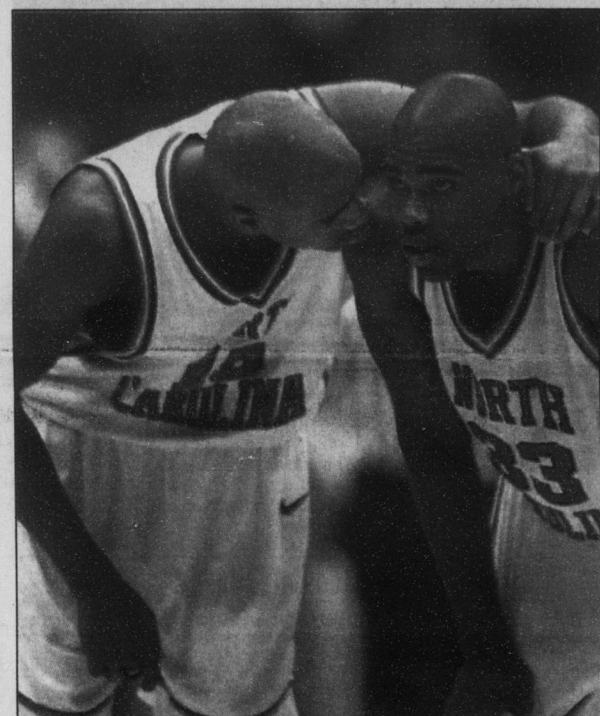
The opening moments dictated the game's tone, putting the Utes firmly in charge and pitting UNC as the team trying to rally. The Tar Heels hardly expected such role reversal, and the Utes clearly reveled in it.

"I think we knew coming in we could play with those guys," said Utah center Michael Doleac, who scored 16 points. "Our strong defense, we shut teams down. We just had to make sure to execute our game plan."

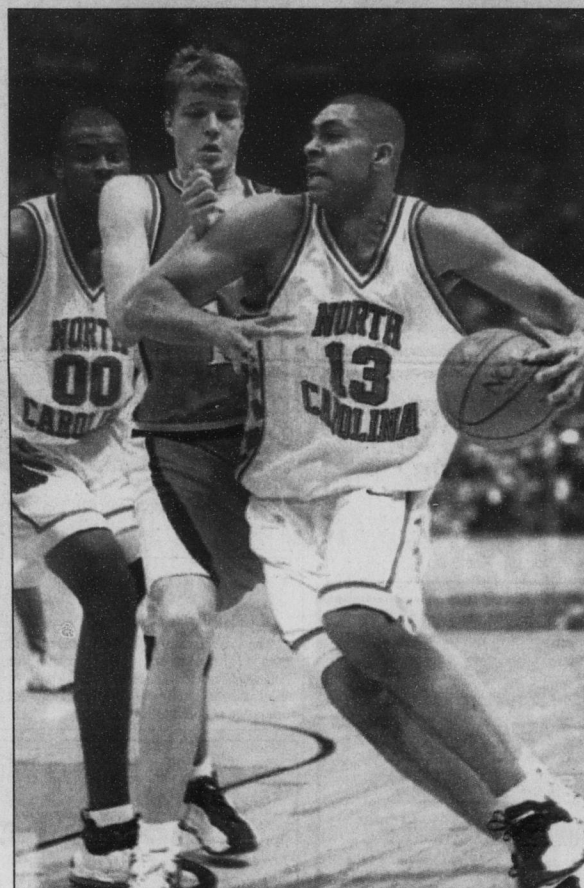
Doleac and point guard Andre Miller formed the inside-outside combination that repeatedly would test the Tar Heels' defense. Doleac scored six points in the game's first six minutes, backing down Makhtar Ndiaye in the post and getting him into foul trouble. Ndiaye fouled out with 15:45 left in the second half.

Miller tempered Doleac's grind in the post by getting the Utes running in transition and working the ball to create three early Utah 3-pointers.

Miller's ability to drive and penetrate



The North Carolina bench (top) watches its national championship dreams slip away in a 65-59 loss to Utah in the Final Four on Saturday. Juniors Vince Carter and Antawn Jamison (above) combined for 35 points, while junior Ademola Okulaja (right) added seven points to the Tar Heel effort. UNC had its second-lowest scoring output of the season against the Utes.



PHOTOS BY JON GARDINER

Tar Heel squad underestimates talented Utah

BY KURT TONDORF
SENIOR WRITER

SAN ANTONIO — They stood in place, the five of them, hands on hips, rocking back and forth, waiting in agony for the enemy to emerge from its huddle.

Exactly one minute remained in their season — 60 seconds that would be spent in a state of desperation. And while none of the North Carolina players spoke a word to each other, everyone in the building could see their collective thought as vividly as the overhanging scoreboard: *How did we let this happen a second time?*

The Tar Heels were indeed revisited by the same sick feeling of elimination they first encountered in last year's 66-58 semifinal loss to Arizona. The reasons behind this year's bow-out to Utah, though, were very different.

The Tar Heels hadn't been chased off the court by a slick collection of ultra-skilled athletes. UNC had instead been duped, dissected and eventually defeated by the wit and intelligence of a balding, self-deprecating 300-pound head coach, who discovered the formula for victory and simply passed it on to the guys who could carry it out.

"I love playing 3-D chess every night," Utah coach Rick Majerus said. "I tell 'em to make this move, and they do it. It's just amazing, an amazing feeling. They try to please me to a fault."

So what specific tidbits of information did Majerus give to his players?

There were some basics — take away UNC's transition and lobs, make guard Ed Cota and forward Ademola Okulaja score, and other strategies that any team in its right mind would do.

But there were also some real gems. Majerus told his 6-foot-11, 265-pound center Michael Doleac to lean on UNC forward Antawn Jamison's left shoulder whenever Jamison went to work in the post, as he uses it to create space for his quick right-handed release.

The strategy clearly bothered Jamison, who missed his first three shots (including an eight-foot air ball) before following his third miss with a dunk five minutes into the first half. By that time, Utah led 15-4.

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UNC guard SHAMMOND WILLIAMS has shot a combined 3 for 25 in the last two Final Fours.

Council restricts evaluation's use

BY NAHAL TOOSI
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The Faculty Council resolved Friday to abolish the Carolina Course Review, a student evaluation of classes, as a factor in departmental decisions about faculty salaries, promotions and tenure.

Members also voted to restrict access to the course review, an online publication, to those using workstations on the University campus. But while the council agreed student evaluations should play a role in rating faculty, members had no suggestions for another source besides the course review.

Boone Turchi, a professor of economics on the council's Educational Policy Committee, compiled a report detailing the course review's history. Turchi said Sunday that the course review had evolved beyond its original purpose: to serve as a supplemental "consumer guide" for students looking

at classes.

The course review survey consists of 21 statements students respond to with five answers ranging from "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree." The numbers assigned to each of the five answers are 1 to 5. But when those numbers are spread over a zero to 100 percentile scale, the information they provide can be skewed, Turchi's report states.

Despite the fact that most students respond positively to the statements, a few low marks, especially in smaller courses, can throw a percentile ranking off, making a class seem worse than it really is.

Turchi's report states the raw data gathered often appeared very



Student Body Secretary REBECCA HOCKFIELD said students did not oversee the Carolina Course Review.

different, usually far more positive, than the percentile rankings readers see.

The course review's format has not changed since the early 1980s. And it does not evaluate all academic departments, including major ones such as English and physics. This sort of inconsistency hurt its reliability, Turchi said.

Turchi said it was interesting that courses that gave students higher grades tended to get higher scores. "One could make the case that this contributes to grade inflation at UNC," he said.

Turchi said the committee did not search for evidence of faculty members whose standings were hurt because of the course review.

The course review originated as a student government project in the 1970s. But since the early 1980s, there has been far less student involvement in the review's administration. A faculty member and a graduate student do the bulk of the work.

Last year, students voted to place

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Odum Village resident charged with threatening wife with knife

BY CHRIS HOSTETLER
STAFF WRITER

An Odum Village resident is in Orange County Jail awaiting an April 13 court date after he reportedly slapped and kicked his wife, a University student, and threatened her with a meat cleaver Saturday night.

Ounheane "Alex" Xaysanavorgphet is charged with aggravated assault on a female. His secured bond, which was set for \$50,000, had not been paid as of Sunday afternoon.

Four University Police officers arrived at 610D Hibbard Drive in Odum Village at 7:51 p.m. Saturday, in response to an emergency call from Xaysanavorgphet's wife.

According to the incident report filed by the officers, Alex Xaysanavorgphet became aggressive with his wife because he suspected she was "running around on him."

University Police Lt. C.E. Swain said, "When we answered the call, we found the man in the parking lot about to leave with the child."

While the couple argued, Alex Xaysanavorgphet took their child into the bathroom to clean the child's face. He told his wife

not to follow him, but she did anyway.

That provoked him to slap her on the cheek, knock her down and kick her, he told police. At this point, Alex Xaysanavorgphet said he was leaving with the child. He also threw the phone on the floor and told his wife to call the police, the report states.

Alex Xaysanavorgphet then threatened to kill his wife and went to the kitchen to get a meat cleaver, according to police reports.

Xaysanavorgphet stuck the meat cleaver in the door near where his wife was standing, reports state.

The woman went to a friend's apartment where she called the police, reports state.

Swain said Alex Xaysanavorgphet did not resist arrest and that he responded truthfully when the officers asked him what happened. Swain said he was concerned that Alex Xaysanavorgphet showed no remorse.

"I requested that he be put under a \$50,000 bond, so he'd be in jail for a while," Swain said. "I would like it as high as we could possibly get it to protect the woman, because that's our first priority."

Swain said the magistrate was very cooperative in assigning Alex Xaysanavorgphet a high bond.

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Meet the candidates

The next Daily Tar Heel editor will be selected Saturday. Read candidates' goals for the paper. *Page 13*

Let's get physical

The Student Recreation Center is hosting Fitness Week this week to prepare students for Nike Corp.'s Swoosh Challenge in April. *Page 5*

Today's weather

Partly cloudy;
low 80s
Tuesday: Partly cloudy;
low 80s

Time's running out

Proposals for this spring's Joanna Howell Fund project are due Friday. The fund allows any student to explore an issue in-depth and have his or her work published in The Daily Tar Heel. Call 962-0245 with questions.

I thought we had a chance there, but we couldn't get over the hump.

Bill Guthridge