

EVTIMOV

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himself as one of the Tar Heels' most valuable low-post players, averaging 13.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

He figured to see considerable playing time in the Tar Heels' youthful front court.

One matter still to be resolved with the NCAA could lessen the number of games Evtimov must miss. It concerns the details of the tryout process for the French National Team.

If the matter can be clarified to the satisfaction of the NCAA Committee on Reinstatement, then it is possible the Committee might reduce the length of time Evtimov must sit out.

FOOTBALL

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out of it and check into a zone on the play."

Even when Duke's quarterbacks did drop back to pass, the Tar Heel front seven made it tough - if not impossible - for them to let the ball fly.

With less than seven minutes remaining in the game, Duke third-string QB Kevin Thompson took the ball out of the shotgun and looked for a receiver as UNC linebacker Keith Newman exploded into the backfield and smacked him from the blind side. Newman's hit jarred the ball loose, and Hill recovered the fumble, resulting in a 25-yard loss for the Blue Devils.

The play was typical of UNC's in-your-face defense.

Five Tar Heels had tackles for loss in the game, including senior defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban, whose two tackles for loss tied him with William Fuller and Lawrence Taylor for the UNC single-season record of 22.

Offensively, the Tar Heels didn't feel any such pressure from Duke's front line, moving the ball with confidence on the ground and in the air against the Blue Devils (4-7, 2-6).

After Duke's second field goal of the game cut UNC's lead to 7-6 in the second quarter, the Tar Heels embarked on a 10-play, five-minute scoring drive that was capped by a two-yard Rufus Brown run for the touchdown.

The first eight plays of the drive were running plays before a 15-yard pass from Ronald Curry to tight end Allen Mogridge set up Brown's score.

Brown stiff-armed his way to 83 yards on the day, assisted by an offensive line that dominated Duke's defenders, most notably tackle Chris Combs.

Combs, an Outland Trophy candidate, leads Duke with 14.5 tackles for loss and four sacks this season.

But Combs didn't hear his name called Saturday, finishing without a tackle in the contest. Taking Combs out of the game made it easier for the Tar Heel runners to find openings.

Not that they weren't doing a little work themselves.

Fullback Deon Dyer put the Tar Heels' final points on the board with one of the most impressive short runs UNC has had all season.

With a first-and-goal at the Duke 3-yard line in the fourth quarter, Dyer took a handoff from Curry, bounced off a pile at the line of scrimmage, and then plowed two Blue Devil defenders into the end zone for the touchdown.

"If he gets his shoulders low and you don't get a good lick on him and get several guys hitting him at the same time, he's capable of doing that any time," Torbush said. "That showed the power and strength Deon Dyer has."

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UNC 28, Duke 6
Score Box

UNC	7	7	7	7	28
Duke	3	3	0	0	6

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
UNC - N. Brown 41 pass from Davenport (McGee kick), 7:46
Duke - Mapes 24 field goal, 2:52
Second Quarter
Duke - Mapes 34 field goal, 7:18
UNC - R. Brown 2 run (McGee kick), 2:19
Third Quarter
UNC - N. Brown 15 pass from Davenport (McGee kick), 5:55
Fourth Quarter
UNC - Dyer 3 run (McGee kick), 6:57

Attendance - 25,740

	UNC	Duke
First Downs	18	14
Rushes-yards	43-170	46-132
Passing yards	120	116
Comp-Att-Int	10-21-0	15-31-0
Total yards	290	248
Punts-Avg.	7-32.3	7-27.1
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-0
Penalties-yards	4-43	5-48
Time of Possession	28:08	31:52

Individual Statistics
Rushing: UNC - R. Brown 17-83, Curry 8-50, Dyer 4-16, Anderson 6-14, Saunders 3-9, Davenport 4-11, Carty 1(-3), Duke - B. Hill 23-97, Wilks 12-36, Campbell 5-6, Epperson 1-5, Romine 2-3, Thompson 3(-15).
Passing: UNC - Davenport 8-14-0 101, Curry 1-6-0 15, Schmitz 1-1-0 4, Duke - Campbell 6-14-0 42, Romine 4-6-0 16, Thompson 4-9-0 45, Morton 1-1-0 13, Hartoklis 0-1-0 0.
Receiving: UNC - N. Brown 3-71, Stevens 3-19, Mogridge 1-15, Bailey 1-12, Monk 1-4, R. Brown 1(-1), Duke - Hart 3-26, B. Hill 2-21, Montgomery 2-18, Moore 2-17, Flowers 2-13, Wilks 2(-1), Verille 1-13, Brady 1-9.

Hampton Game Precedes UNC's Trip to NIT Final 4

THE LOWDOWN ON TONIGHT'S GAME

- C BRENDAN HAYWOOD, 7-0**
Scored 11 points and grabbed five rebounds in Wednesday's win against Georgia.
- F ADEMOLA OKULAJA, 6-9**
Leads the team with 32 rebounds in the Tar Heels' first three games.
- F KRIS LANG, 6-10**
Poured in a career-high 21 points on 8-of-13 shooting against Georgia.
- G ED COTA, 6-1**
Finished with 14 points, 11 assists and four rebounds against Georgia.
- G JASON CAPEL, 6-8**
Averaging 8.7 points, 7.7 rebounds and four assists per game.

No. 10 North Carolina (3-0)

vs.

Hampton (0-2)

- G TORREY FARRINGTON, 6-0**
Team's leading scorer had 21 points against UNC last season.
- G DAMANY SMITH, 5-10**
Averaging three points and two steals per game for the Pirates.
- F GREG BROWN, 6-9**
Averaging 7.5 points and 3.5 rebounds per game for the Pirates.
- F TAJAI YOUNG, 6-5**
Junior college transfer is averaging five points and 1.5 rebounds per game.
- C TARVIS WILLIAMS, 6-8**
MEAC Pre-Season Player of the Year, averaging 15 points, 4.5 blocks and four rebounds per game.

Game: No. 10 North Carolina at Hampton
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Hampton, Va.
Radio: 100.7 FM, WCHL-1360 AM
Television: ESPN2
Series Record: UNC leads 1-0

Keys for UNC: The Tar Heels will continue to try and pound the ball inside against the smaller Pirates. Lang, Haywood and Okulaja should be able to control the boards and get Hampton's Tarvis Williams in foul trouble. This should be a good opportunity for the bench to get experience.

Keys for Hampton: Farrington will have to score more than the 21 he poured in a year ago. He will have his hands full with UNC's Ed Cota. Williams provides Hampton with a true low post presence, but at 6-foot-8 he must stay out of foul trouble against the taller Tar Heels.

UNC Bench: The UNC bench provided zero points and two rebounds in the win against Georgia. The Tar Heels will look for more production out of guards Michael Brooker and Max Owens. Brian Bersticker provides UNC with another big body inside.

Hampton Bench: Doug Belton (16 ppg) and Treston Dowall (seven ppg) provide the Pirates with scoring punch off the bench. But Hampton lacks the size to compete with the Tar Heels inside.

Prediction: UNC 79; Hampton 52.

Compiled by Brian Murphy

The North Carolina men's basketball team travels to Hampton riding an early three-game winning streak.

Staff Report

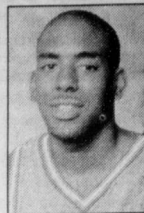
Sandwiched in between the early rounds and the Final Four of the Preseason Chase NIT Tournament, North Carolina's men's basketball team travels to Virginia, for a game against Hampton tonight at 7:05 on ESPN2.

The No. 10 Tar Heels (3-0) enter the game having topped Florida International and Georgia at home to advance to the semifinals of the NIT Tournament.

The Tar Heels, who start two freshmen and a sophomore, have played like true veterans through the season's beginning. Paced by forward Kris Lang's 21 points, UNC held off a late Georgia rally in its last contest, earning a trip to New York and a game against No. 15 Purdue.

But before traveling to the Big Apple, UNC stops off for a game with the Pirates (0-2). Hampton lost its last contest to Old Dominion 83-69 on Wednesday.

Hampton is paced by point guard Torrey Farrington. After leading the team in scoring last season, the senior again paces the Pirates with 17.5 points per game.



Junior point guard Ed Cota had a double-double with 14 points and 11 assists against Georgia last week.

In what should be the game's marquee matchup, Farrington and UNC's Ed Cota will go head-to-head.

Cota, who averages 12.7 points and 8.3 assists per game, struggled at times against Georgia and point guard G.G. Smith. Despite scoring 14 points and dishing out 11 assists, the junior committed seven turnovers.

Cota and the Tar Heels will look to pound the ball inside to Lang and sophomore center Brendan Haywood. The inside duo is averaging 28 points per game.

The Pirates will counter with center/forward Tarvis Williams, the MEAC's preseason player of the year. The 6-foot-8 Williams leads Hampton with 4.5 blocks per game.


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