

**UNC Wrestlers Knock Off Virginia, Lose to Maryland**

North Carolina junior Corey Bell (left) compiled a 2-0 record this weekend in ACC competition on the road against the Cavaliers and Terrapins. Bell and the Tar Heels defeated Virginia for the 26th consecutive time. See Page 11.



**UNC Fails to Silence Critics In Uninspired Loss to UCLA**

The North Carolina men's basketball team has lost consecutive games for the second time this season.

By BRIAN MURPHY Senior Writer

Silence. Complete silence. As North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge defended his team's play in Saturday's 71-68 loss to UCLA, his players sat in the locker room in complete silence.

Jason Capel had his towel-covered head in his locker. Others showered and dressed in silence. Some just sat with blank stares.

"After a loss, you don't want to be jumping up and down," center Brendan Haywood said after the players finally emerged to speak with the media.

"At the same time, you don't want to hear guys yelling at each other or pointing fingers. I feel silence right now is the best."

Even if the Tar Heels, losers of consecutive games for the second time this season, aren't speaking, they know Saturday's loss will give their critics plenty to talk about.

The Tar Heels turned the ball over 17 times. They missed crucial free throws down the stretch.

They were out-rebounded. And the team played with the general malaise that has plagued it all season.

With UNC (11-6) struggling for no apparent reason, most critics have harped on the team's lack of intensity and hustle.

Guthridge found himself once again defending the intensity of his squad. "Everybody keeps talking about intensity and our lack of intensity. We're not a rah-rah type team, but I think that we're competitors and we play hard," he said.

But despite Guthridge's assessment, the Tar Heels' play was less than inspiring. Faced with a swarming Bruin matchup zone, UNC never looked comfortable. The Tar Heel big men were nonfactors, leaving the offensive burden



UNC forward Jason Capel hit 7 of 12 shots, including 3 of 6 from behind the arc, to finish with 21 points.

to Capel and freshman Joseph Forte. Haywood took just six shots, and power forward Kris Lang managed just seven as UCLA's athletic forwards surrounded them. Content to kick the ball out and seemingly confused by the Bruins' 3-2 alignment, neither could get going.

The Bruins' big men had no such offensive troubles. Forward Jerome Moiso had game highs in points (19) and rebounds (10). Despite taking a cross-country flight following a loss to crosstown rival Southern California, it was UCLA (10-4) that came out of the gate with energy.

Three-pointers from Earl Watson and Jason Kapono staked UCLA to a 6-0 lead, and the Bruins stretched their margin to 24-12 eight minutes into the game.

Then seemingly the Tar Heels awoke. UNC tied the contest at 37 and trailed by one at the half.

But a quick UCLA start in the second half had the Tar Heels playing catch up again. Capel was the only UNC player to score during the first 10 minutes of the second half.

"We solved (the zone) for stretches, and it seemed like they'd make an adjustment, and then we'd struggle with it again," said Haywood, who had seven points and six boards. "We just went

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BRIAN MURPHY PLAYER TO BE NAMED LATER

**UNC's Armor Showing Signs Of Weakness**

There seem to be few sure things in college athletics these days. Notre Dame football faces NCAA sanctions. Underclassmen are fleeing Duke.

And on Saturday, two of the most storied programs in men's basketball history met with more than a little luster lost. UCLA, the most decorated team in college basketball, entered the contest just 1-2 in the PAC-10 after a drubbing by Southern California.

Bruin forward JaRon Rush is facing NCAA sanctions for taking money from a Los Angeles agent. UCLA had fallen out of the The Associated Press Top 25. And Steve Lavin is facing the daunting task of maintaining an unattainable level of success.

The Bruins flew cross country to take on another program struggling to live up to its past. If UCLA dominated the 1960s and '70s, North Carolina has been the most consistent team of the last quarter century. The Tar Heels have been in the NCAA Tournament every season since 1974-75. They have won at least 21 games in each season since 1970-71.

And since 1966-67, UNC has finished the year ranked in The Associated Press and Coaches' polls. UNC has been ranked for 172 consecutive weeks in the AP poll, the second longest streak ever.

But as they prepared to do battle with the program that has the longest such streak, the Tar Heels' remarkable run began to show signs of slowing down.

Four nonconference losses before Christmas and a lethargic performance against Wake Forest were just the highlights of a poor beginning that dropped North Carolina from No. 2 to 14th in the nation.

Some fans and media were once again questioning the ability of coach Bill Guthridge to carry on the UNC tradition.

The old claims appeared: He's too old to identify with today's players. He doesn't motivate the guys. He's not active enough on the sidelines.

And the one that stings the most: He's an assistant coach.

Saturday, both UCLA and North Carolina had a chance to at least hold the naysayers at bay. A win against the Bruins would salvage the Tar Heels' dismal nonconference record. A win at UNC would put the Bruins back in the Top 25.

Saturday night, Lavin slept well. And the UNC critics were pounding away on the laptops or in the Internet chat rooms.

Guthridge's players appeared lazy and couldn't solve UCLA's matchup 3-2 zone. They lacked the ability to take the lead at home. They couldn't grab a defensive rebound when it mattered most, and they got two bad shots at game's end.

The mystique of the Smith Center is quickly evaporating. Bruin guard Rico Hines provided UNC with bulletin board fodder earlier in the week when he said UCLA thought UNC would be an easier game than Duke. Hines pumped his chest in I-told-you-so fashion after the win.

The Tar Heel faithful could do nothing but acknowledge that Hines was right. UNC is no longer the toughest game on Tobacco Road, not to mention the nation.

And now many of UNC's streaks appear in jeopardy. The Tar Heels fell to No. 21 in Monday's AP poll. A loss to a surprisingly good Virginia team tonight would probably end the Tar Heels' run in the Top 25.

With 11 wins, North Carolina needs 10 wins in its last 13 ACC games - or some tournament victories - to reach 21 wins.

And as last year's first-round loss to Weber State showed, tourney victories - like most things - are not guaranteed any more.

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UNC freshman guard Joseph Forte tries to keep possession against UCLA's Earl Watson in the Bruins' 71-68 victory at the Smith Center.

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North Carolina women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell shows the frustration of losing five games in a row for the first time since 1990-91.

DTH/KATHERINE EAKER

**UNC Loses Again Despite New Look**

**Mosley's 24 Points Push Wake Forest Past Tar Heels for 1st Time Since '91**

By WILL KIMMEY Assistant Sports Editor

WINSTON-SALEM - North Carolina women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell decided to make some changes that would help end her team's four-game losing streak.

Still trying to deal with the loss of point guard Nikki Teasley, the No. 15 Tar Heels started Sunday's game with a new look backcourt.

Freshman Cherie Lea got her first career start at the point and was flanked by shooting guard Jasmyne Huntington.

Despite the changes, UNC still ended up with the same result - a loss. A

record crowd of 4,031 for a women's basketball contest at Lawrence Joel Coliseum watched Wake Forest hand North Carolina a 69-56 setback.

The loss marked UNC's first five-game slide since the team dropped eight straight in the 1990-91 campaign. It was also the first time the Deacons (6-10, 2-3 in the ACC) have beaten the Tar Heels since that '90-91 season - a streak of 18 games.

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**Missing the Point**

The North Carolina women's basketball team has experienced an extreme drop in production since point guard Nikki Teasley left the team for unexplained reasons four games ago.

	Scoring PPG	FG (Percent)	Shooting (Percent)	3-Point (Percent)	Assists (Per Game)	Turnovers (Per Game)	Team Result
With Teasley (12 Games)	78.7	355-833 (.426)	80-223 (.359)	210 (17.5)	200 (16.7)	9-3	
Without Teasley							
at UVA. 1/6	68	22-61	8-17	14	23	Lost 87-68	
vs. Clem 1/10	59	17-60	5-22	11	20	Lost 60-59	
at GT 1/13	44	19-78	3-18	7	14	Lost 55-44	
at WF 1/16	56	23-76	6-26	11	14	Lost 69-56	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>81-275 (.295)</b>	<b>22-83 (.265)</b>	<b>43 (10.8)</b>	<b>71 (17.8)</b>	<b>0-4</b>	

Curtis started senior guard Alisha Mosley for the first time all season, and Mosley responded by scoring a career-high 24 points, including the first five points of the game. Mosley also hit 11 of 13 free throws and grabbed seven rebounds.

"I'm a coach that doesn't like to tinker with the starting lineup," Curtis said. "Alisha had been doing a great job coming off the bench. But I wasn't real happy with how we were starting. We

were always behind in games. "Just the fact that she was out there - she's been a spark for us all year - made a huge difference early."

Mosley helped Wake gain a 7-0 lead, and the poor-shooting Tar Heels (9-7, 1-5) never caught up. UNC, which had connected on less than 34 percent of its field goal attempts in its past four outings, continued its dismal shooting.

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**Gymnasts Vault Past Radford**

North Carolina's gymnastics team placed at least four members in the top six spots of all four events.

Staff Report

North Carolina junior Brooke Wilson registered victories in all four individual events to take the all-around competition and help the women's gymnastics team defeat Radford 190.850-181.300 on Saturday.

Wilson finished with a score of 39.100 in the all-around competition. She was followed by UNC senior Meredith McDermott, who grabbed second-place with a score of 37.725.

North Carolina (1-0) placed at least four gymnasts in the top six spots in all four events.

Wilson, chosen last year as UNC's most outstanding gymnast, finished first in the vault (9.750), uneven parallel bars (9.750), balance beam (9.850) and floor exercises (9.750).

McDermott placed fifth in the vault (9.475), uneven parallel bars (9.500) and floor exercises (9.400). She finished sixth on the balance beam with a score of 9.350.

UNC senior Julie Pasqualini notched second-place finishes in both the uneven parallel bars (9.625) and floor exercises (9.625). She placed fourth in the vault with a score of 9.500.

North Carolina's Lisa Companioni placed second in the balance beam by scoring a 9.675 and grabbed third in the vault with a score of 9.550.

UNC senior Megan Piper finished third in the uneven parallel bars with a score of 9.600. She also placed fifth in the balance beam with a tally of 9.550.

North Carolina travels to Washington, D.C. next Sunday to compete in the George Washington Invitational.

The Tar Heels will take on William & Mary, Radford, Temple and Pennsylvania.

Gymnastics	
UNC	190.850
Radford	181.300



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