

MEN'S BASKETBALL
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tions, showing Cota-like flashes of deftness and uncharacteristic Tar Heel intensity in the first half. The 6-footer from Bloomington, Ind., cut through the lane for a layup and had three assists in the first half to help the Tar Heels grab their biggest lead of the game, 31-22, five minutes before halftime.

And after two FSU runs – a 9-0 run that gave the 'Noles a 37-36 lead at the half, and an 11-2 spurt with less than eight minutes to go that gave them their biggest lead at 61-50 – Holmes and the Tar Heels threatened with a 6-0 run of their own.

Holmes' 3-pointer with 4:17 to go and freshman Julius Peppers' subsequent rejection of a shot by FSU point man Delvon Arrington led to a smooth Joseph Forte flush that cut the Seminole lead to four with less than four minutes to go.

"I've been dreaming about this forever," said Holmes, who finished with five points and six assists. "This is the way I've played all my life, kind of like a rah-rah type guy. If you're out there intense, getting the crowd involved, and you're excited, sometimes it helps you."

But UNC missed Cota's help down the stretch. Holmes, who was being guarded by 6-foot-9 Ron Hale, turned the ball over twice on consecutive trips, helping FSU extend its lead to seven with 3:03 to play. The Tar Heels tied the game with 1:25 to go, but Hale scored a bucket, and FSU sank six consecutive free throws to ice the game.

"We felt coming in that we could win," said Hale, who scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half. "Their confidence was probably a little low since they had lost three in a row. Coach (Steve Robinson) told us to come out and play hard, and that's what we did."

After Saturday's loss any UNC fan who wasn't restless before is now justifiably uneasy with a feeling of disbelief.

But the Tar Heels said they weren't playing for the fans, nor were they playing for the tradition and elitism that the fans say the team is not upholding. They're simply playing for themselves.

"I don't care about the fans," Haywood said. "If the fans want to boo, they're going to boo. That's fine. If they don't want to come, they don't have to come. We'll play for ourselves. We're not playing for the fans – we're not playing for anybody else. We're playing for pride."

Game Notes

UNC forward Kris Lang left Saturday's game early in the second half with a virus and did not return. Peppers was not included in the UNC's first substitution rotation and played just five first-half minutes after showing up late to the game because of car trouble.

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Florida State 76, UNC 71

Box Score	
Florida State	76
UNC	71

Florida State (76)	
min	pts
Hale	34
Simmons	27
Dan Anderson	28
Dev. Anderson	9
Arrington	34
Tucker	13
N. Dixon	7
A. Dixon	9
Chibek	6
Mart	5
Muthis	1
Total	200

Percentages – FG 50.0 FT 77.3 3-point goals – 5-13 39.6
Capele 2-4, Forte 1-5, Holmes 1-2, Owens 1-3, Team rebounds – 1 (Capele 3, Forte 3, Lang 2, Newby 2, Holmes 2, Peppers 2, Owens, Brooker) Steals – 10 (Capele 3, Lang 2, Forte, Newby)

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Technical fouls – none Attendance – 21,572

Anderson, Hale Spark Seminoles

Seminole Damous Anderson posted a career-high 25 points in Saturday's 76-71 win against the Tar Heels.

By T. NOLAN HAYES
Sports Editor

Ron Hale is known throughout the ACC as one of the conference's most versatile players.

At 6-foot-9, 210 pounds, Hale can score down low and defend opponents' inside players. But his shooting touch and quickness allow him to play on the perimeter and excel also at guard.

North Carolina witnessed all of those skills Saturday in its 76-71 loss to Florida State. Hale tallied 17 points, four rebounds and two steals to help the Seminoles upset the 21st-ranked Tar Heels at the Smith Center.

Hale's many tools made it difficult for UNC to contain him, but the biggest problem the Tar Heels faced was that there were seemingly two Hales on the court Saturday.

Florida State forward Damous Anderson, who resembles Hale with his versatile 6-7, 220-pound frame, burned UNC for a career-high 25 points on 9-of-15 shooting, including a 4-for-5 effort from 3-point range.

"(Anderson) has really stepped up his game," Florida State coach Steve Robinson said. "He's shooting the basketball well and really seemed to make some timely baskets for us today."

"When he wasn't making them, Ron was making them. I think this may have been one of the first times this season that I felt like those two guys had played well together."

Anderson's outburst against the Tar Heels was his second in as many games. He stung Georgia Tech with 24 points on 9-of-12 shooting Wednesday and has

averaged 19.2 points per game in his last five contests.

Anderson's recent production shows his adaptation to playing on the wing. Anderson ranked fifth in the nation last season in field percentage (60.5 percent) while playing mostly power forward, but he struggled early this season.

Inconsistent play combined with a one-game suspension for an academic violation earned him a chance to have a one-on-one chat with Robinson.

"I went into a little mini-slump during the first part of the year, so me and Coach just sat down and talked," said Anderson, whose cousin Shandon Anderson plays for the NBA's Houston Rockets. "He just told me to be more aggressive and more assertive with my play, so I've just been coming out and being more aggressive."

Anderson eased his way into action against the Tar Heels, going scoreless for more than 11 minutes of the first half before exploding for 12 points in an eight-minute span. His floater in the lane with 4.3 seconds remaining gave the Seminoles a 37-36 lead at the break.

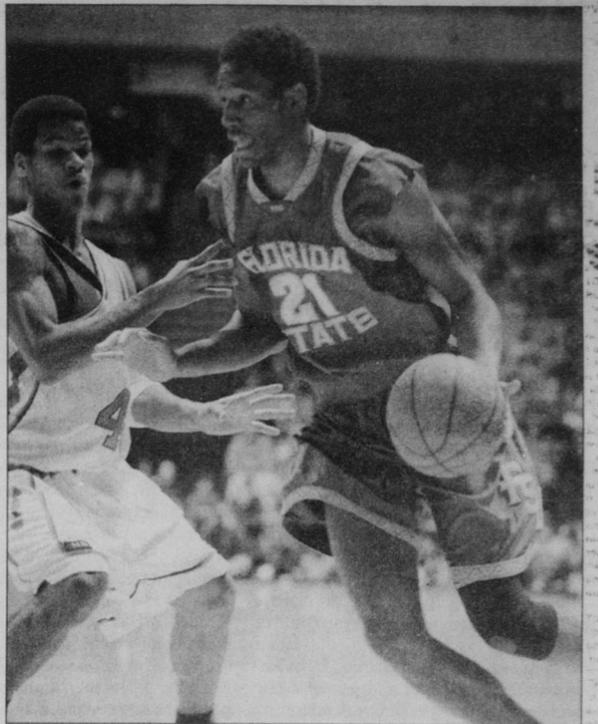
Anderson continued his barrage in the second half. He connected on back-to-back 3-pointers midway through the second half to turn a three-point game into a 59-50 FSU advantage.

Anderson and Hale then got busy on the defensive end. Robinson ordered Hale to guard inexperienced UNC point guard Jonathan Holmes, who was filling in for virus-stricken Ed Cota. Hale smothered Holmes, who at 6 feet had trouble seeing around or over Hale.

The end result was two turnovers, the second of which Anderson turned into a three-point play with 3:03 remaining to give Florida State a 68-61 edge.

"I'm 6-9, so I'm sure it was difficult for him," Hale said. "I was just trying to keep up the pressure, and I could see it in his eyes."

"This was a big game for them, and it



Florida State swingman Ron Hale drives against UNC guard Joseph Forte. Hale was a Tar Heel nemesis Saturday with 17 points and two steals.

was the end of the game – crunch time. He probably hadn't been in that situation a whole lot, so I just wanted to come at him and make him have to make decisions with the basketball."

The Tar Heels rallied to tie the game at 68 with 1:25 remaining, but Hale answered yet again. His turnaround jumper in the lane at the 1:07 mark

proved to be the game-winner. "Florida State was very efficient," UNC coach Bill Guthridge said. "We weren't able to stop Hale, Damous (Anderson) and (FSU point guard Delvon) Arrington when we had to."

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Horoscopes by Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Jan. 24)
This year hard work is the secret to your success – and maybe to finding true love, too. Your imagination runs rampant in February. Money runs through your fingers in March. Your curiosity is racing in April, and you're more likely stuck at home in May. Let an expert point you in the right direction in August. Spend so you can save in September. Completion is the name of the game in December.

Get the advantage. Check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
– Today is a 7 – Somebody likes you. He or she will make it easier for you to advance in your career. The work has to be done perfectly, too, of course. Do that, and everybody will be satisfied.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
– Today is a 7 – You are lucky in love, and you will be for several weeks. You could be lucky with games, too. It may be hard to say what's on your mind, but that's OK. You might not have to say a thing!

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
– Today is a 7 – Finish firming up a partnership. After that's done, the next assignment is to manage your money wisely. It'll be easier to see how once you're sure who's on your side.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
– Today is a 7 – What investments should you make to get the best return? Where can you cut costs and increase your income? You could almost write a book on this subject, but today reading one's the smarter move.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
– Today is a 7 – You can figure out what other people need. That's the easy part. Providing it is the challenge. It's supposed to be the way to become successful in business, though, so give it a try.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
– Today is a 7 – You're getting luckier. You've got an underlying sense of security and confidence. Even if things don't appear to be going your way, you know otherwise. Well, your attitude helps, too.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
– Today is a 8 – You should have the opportunity to do some interesting things around your home for the next few weeks. Are you having a company over? If not, why not? People love your parties, so don't hold back! Get guests!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
– Today is a 6 – If you're looking for love, try taking a class. Not only will you learn something, you may also find a person you'd like to get to know better. Meanwhile, reschedule a boring talk for later.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
– Today is a 7 – You're probably noticing it's easier to accomplish what you want. Now that you have the confidence, go after the money. Making friends is easy, but closing the sale can be a challenge. Go for it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
– Today is a 7 – How long has it been since you took a road trip? You may be sick and tired of the same old dull routine. Could you get away for just the evening? Visit dear friends, and you'll feel rejuvenated.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
– Today is a 7 – You are a powerful person. You love coming up with the good ideas, but selling them can be a struggle. Take care of business now and save yourself some trouble later.

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