Duke Starters, Bench Dominate UNC in Blowout

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DURHAM – In a recurring theme this season for the women's basketball team, North Carolina had no answers Thursday night against Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The Blue Devils opened the game with a zone press that immediately caused problems for the Tar Heels.

With the help of 13 first-half UNC turnovers, Duke sank its teeth into the Tar Heels from the start. The Devils jumped out to a 30-8 advantage that grew to a 52-22 halftime lead.

"We were hitting on all cylinders," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said. "We just had a really nice half."

The half was so nice that Goestenkors had the luxury of calling off the press with more than 11 minutes remaining in the half and feeding the Tar Heels a healthy diet of Blue Devil substitutes.

Even if UNC could have found some offensive rhythm, it just could not stop Duke from scoring.

The Tar Heels opened the game in a man-to-man set, but it became clear early that they could not handle the Blue Devils one-on-one.

North Carolina coach **Sylvia Hatchell**

On one first-half play, Duke forward Peppi Browne left LaQuanda Barksdale, the ACC's leading scorer and rebounder, in the dust with a swift dribble spin move to the hoop for two points. Browne scored 16 points in 23 minutes of action, while Barksdale was held to just one rebound in the game.

The Tar Heels then tried to slow down the Blue Devils with a sorely ineffective zone defense. When Duke was not busy getting wide-open looks from 3-point range against the zone, it was finding players unguarded down low.

"They just make the extra pass," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "They're a driving, jump-shooting team."

The Tar Heels pressed the Blue Devils' substitutes in the second half, giving Duke some trouble. But they could never put together any kind of a run.

"We had all five subs in," Goestenkors said with a chuckle. "So no, they've never seen a press."

Substitute-led Duke still managed to score 49 points in the second half.

The Tar Heels just had no answers for Duke on this night.

Said Hatchell, "There's not a lot you can say about a game like this."

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THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME

C BRENDAN HAYWOOD, 7-0
Tied a career high with 24 points against the Terrapins, including 10-for-11 from the FT line.

F KRIS LANG, 6-11
Scored 13 points and grabbed six rebounds against Maryland.

F JASON CAPEL, 6-8
Recorded double-double vs. Terps with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

G JOSEPH FORTE, 6-4
Shot just 2-for-9 against the Terps but had nine boards and three assists.

G ED COTA, 6-1
Played 39 minutes vs. Maryland, tallying 11 points and eight assists.

North Carolina (12-8, 3-3 in ACC)

vs.

Georgia Tech (9-9, 2-4, in ACC)

G TONY AKINS, 5-11
Sophomore averages team-high 4.2 apg and makes 88.6 percent of his free throws.

G SHAUN FEIN, 6-3
Junior averages 10. 7 ppg with a team-best 43 3-point FG (38.7 percent).

F JASON FLOYD, 6-6
Senior averages 11.4 points and 3.6 boards and makes 85.7 percent of his free throws.

F JASON COLLIER, 7-0
Senior averages 18.1 points and leads the ACC with 9.7 rebounds per game.

C ALVIN JONES, 6-11
Junior averages 11.6 points, 8.2 rebounds and team-best 2.8 blocked shots per game.

Game: North Carolina at Georgia Tech
Time: Noon
Location: Alexander Memorial Coliseum, Atlanta
Radio: 100.7 FM, WCHL-1360 AM
Television: ESPN
Series Record: UNC leads 47-14.
Keys for UNC: Defense. The Tar Heels finally stopped someone when they held Maryland to 37.7 percent shooting. They'll need intensity in their man-to-man and communication in their point zone to take the sting out of the balanced Yellow Jackets, whose five starters each average double figures in scoring.
Keys for Georgia Tech: Twin towers Jason Collier and Alvin Jones must produce on both ends of the floor. Collier has developed a soft jumper and could draw UNC's post men away from the hoop. Jones is one of the country's best shot blockers and needs to avoid foul trouble.
UNC Bench: A UNC advantage, although sharpshooter Max Owens is still searching for the minutes he got early in the season. Forward Julius Peppers continues to impress with his work on the glass.
Georgia Tech Bench: Guard T. J. Vines leads the Tech reserves with 4.2 points and 2.2 assists per game. Forwards Jon Babul and Clarence Moore combine for 7.4 rebounds in 31 total minutes per game.
Prediction: UNC 79, Georgia Tech 71
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THE Daily Crossword

By Roger Jurgovan

ACROSS
1 Intertwine
5 Make two
10 Surrounded by
14 Melodramatic exclamation
15 Once more
16 Port or claret
17 With 38A and 57A, this puzzle's theme
19 Poker pot starter
20 Very dry, as wine
21 Drying kiln
22 Fervor
23 Actor Conried
25 Cereal grass
28 Humiliates
30 Component piece
31 Cereal grain
34 Experiments
35 Cease
36 Olympic sled
37 Legal
38 See 17A
39 "Brooklyn Bridge" watercolorist
40 Bacterial culture base
41 Mass of ice
42 Orchard fruit
43 Matched grouping
44 Right on maps
45 Adjusted beforehand
46 "__ Knowledge"
48 Neighbor of Tex.
49 Earth pigment
51 Relaxation
53 D. Stern's org.
56 Nutmeg spice
57 See 17A
60 Flair
61 Personal preference
62 O-T separation
63 Pinta's sister?
64 Water lily
65 Negative contraction

DOWN
1 Indy circuits
2 Toward shelter
3 By any means
4 Clairvoyant's letters
5 Torment persistently
6 Turkish titles
7 Finally, though also important
8 Contend
9 Printer's measures
10 Mindful
11 Behave!
12 __ thin air
13 Forest ruminant
18 Truthful
22 Mtn. stat
24 Up and about
26 Battery terminal
27 Final letters?
28 Rand novel, "__ Shrugged"
29 Sandy color
32 Sure-footed
33 Doctrine
35 Spicy beat
36 Jacket piece
39 Grocery store
41 Air stirrer
44 Afore
45 Nosegays
47 Showplace
49 Harbinger
50 Colombian metropolis
52 Westernmost of the Aleutian Islands
54 Capital of Switzerland
55 Subordinate person: abbr.
57 Jim Bakker's club letters
58 Thai's neighbor
59 Wire service letters

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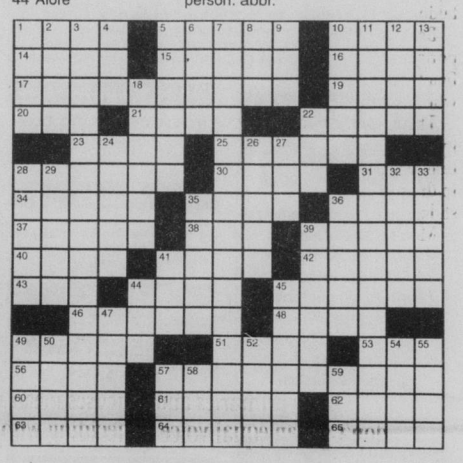

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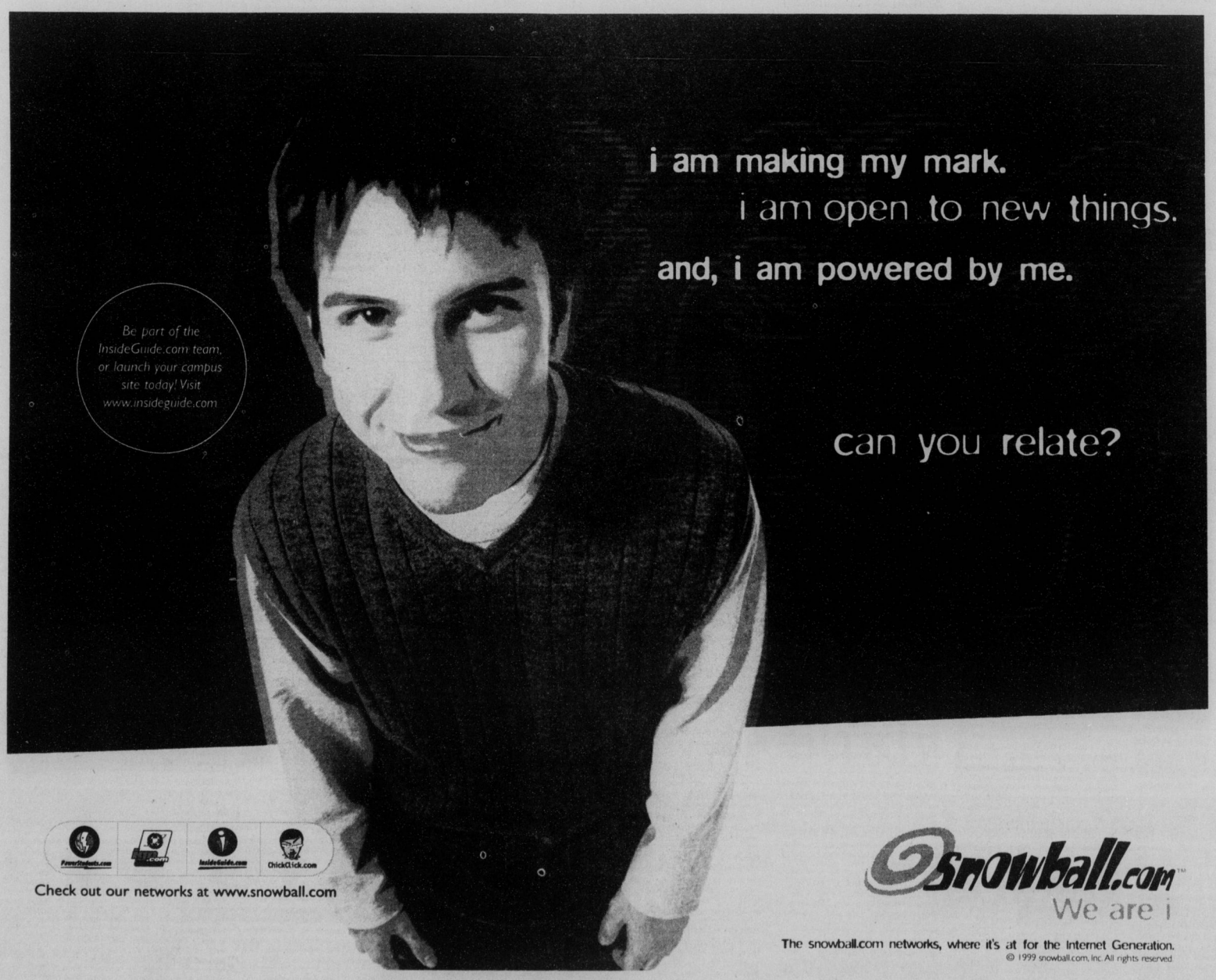
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