



Teasley Tallies 24 as Tar Heels Triumph in OT

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tar Heels Take Swing At Paladin Tennis Team

The North Carolina men's tennis team takes to the courts today at 5 p.m. against Furman at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

The Tar Heels defeated the Paladins 6-1 at home last season.

Furman junior Lee Nickell garnered his squad's only victory in the match, defeating UNC junior David Cheatwood 3-6, 6-4, 6-0 at No. 1 singles.

The rest of the Tar Heel singles lineup lost one set in five matches.

UNC opened its season Saturday with a 9-0 victory against Campbell.

UNC Looks to Extend Win Streak vs. Devils

Duke will try to accomplish something tonight at Carmichael Auditorium that it hasn't done in Bill Lam's 27 years as North Carolina's wrestling coach.

When the Tar Heels and Blue Devils take the mat at 7 p.m., Duke will look to end UNC's 25-match winning streak in the series.

UNC has not wrestled since a 35-18 win against The Citadel on Jan. 23.

Sophomore Brad Byers, who wrestles at 133 pounds, earned ACC Co-Wrestler of the Week honors after registering victories against Appalachian State and The Citadel.

Tiger Roars Back, Wins For 6th Straight Time

With an astonishing comeback to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am on Monday, Tiger Woods moved a step closer to Byron Nelson's "untouchable" record of 11 consecutive victories.

Seven strokes behind with seven holes to play, Woods electrified an otherwise gray afternoon on the Monterey Peninsula by holing a 97-yard wedge for eagle on the 15th and making birdies on two of the last three holes for his sixth PGA Tour victory in a row.

From Staff and Wire Reports

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Quantifying the value of a single player in a team sport can be a difficult task. But North Carolina's Nikki Teasley made it easy Monday night. With her team reeling midway through the second half in a game it had to win, Teasley took over.

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Teasley torched No. 24 Virginia for 20 second-half points - 24 in all - as she led the Tar Heels back from the dead to a 66-63 overtime victory.

The win allowed UNC (12-10, 4-7 in the ACC) to stay alive for an at-large position in the NCAA Tournament.

"This is what we needed - a big win like this," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "I said earlier today that this is the first time this year that I felt like our team was whole and complete."

Teasley, who left the team for seven games before returning Jan. 30, proved her value in the second half. The Tar Heels trailed 47-37 with 9:48 to play before Teasley went to work.

She knocked down two consecutive 3-pointers - one of which was a 25-footer - and scored 16 of UNC's last 20 points in regulation.

"She was a huge impact down the stretch," Virginia coach Debbie Ryan said. "Once she hits that first 3, you can't give her anymore, and we weren't able to understand that tonight."

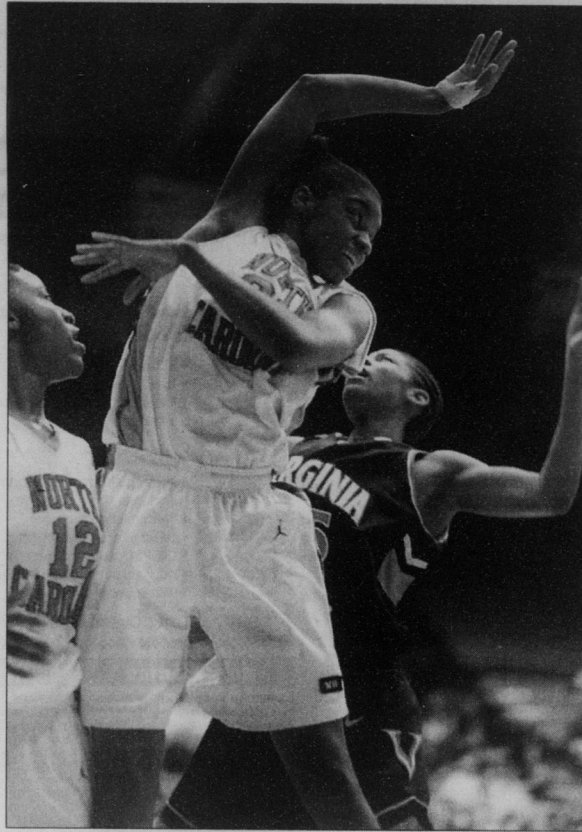
Despite Teasley's onslaught, the Cavaliers (17-6, 9-2) still had a chance to win the game. With the game tied at 57 following a trey and two free throws by Teasley, Virginia had possession with 25.3 seconds remaining.

Ryan put the ball in the hands of Renee Robinson, her senior point guard, for the last shot. But UNC's Juana Brown was up for the challenge.

Brown flashed back to her freshman year, when she was known as "Shut 'em down Juana Brown," and bottled up Robinson. Virginia's point guard could not get around Brown and when she tried a jumper, Brown blocked it.

"When the shot clock was ticking down in the first half and she saw that she couldn't get by me, I knew that was going through her head," Brown said. "I knew she was going to pull up for the jump shot, and I could anticipate the block."

Once in overtime, UNC's dormant



North Carolina forward LaQuanda Barksdale, the ACC's leading scorer, went 3-for-16 from the field and finished with nine points in 32 minutes.

post tandem of LaQuanda Barksdale and Jackie Higgins came to life. Barksdale (3-for-16 from the floor) and Higgins (2-for-7) each scored three points in the extra period.

After two free throws by Teasley put UNC up 66-63 with 22.6 seconds left, UVa. had one last chance. But Virginia, despite calling a timeout to set up a play, never got a shot off as Brown stayed with Robinson as if she were her bodyguard.

Teasley also excelled defensively, recording five steals. But her offense was the weapon that carried the Tar Heels to victory and left the Cavaliers frustrated.

"She just jacked it every time she got it," Robinson said.

Teasley, who finished 5-for-14 from the field, spent much of the second half on the wing while freshman Cherie Lea played the point. She victimized Virginia's Svetlana Volnaya and anybody else who tried to guard her, penetrating with the shot clock winding down and drawing fouls.

She was a perfect 11-for-11 from the foul line on a night with a perfect ending for the Tar Heels.

"I'm still trying to get better," Teasley said. "Hopefully this is just the start of a winning streak for us."

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Frontcourt Lends Hand Despite Poor Shooting

By MIKE OGLE
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North Carolina's Nikki Teasley got the Tar Heels into overtime against Virginia on Monday night, but Jackie Higgins and LaQuanda Barksdale brought them to victory.

The juniors were a combined 3-of-20 from the floor in regulation in UNC's stifled post game but were integral to UNC's success in the extra period.

"I just wasn't following through," said Barksdale, who finished with nine points and six rebounds. "My shots weren't falling, but I tried to be calm and be an emotional leader out there."

Virginia forward Schuye LaRue dominated the game down low in the first half. She scored nine points and grabbed four rebounds despite playing only 10 minutes because of foul trouble.

While LaRue was on the floor, she and center Lisa Hosac held Barksdale in check.

"We pushed her away from the basket," Virginia guard Renee Robinson said. "Got her out of her comfort zone."

Barksdale also spent much of the second half in foul trouble. She picked up her fourth foul with 14:15 left in regulation and did not return until the 5:35 mark.

However, Barksdale and Higgins put their subpar shooting performances behind them and rolled up their sleeves in the overtime.

The pair combined for six of UNC's nine overtime points, but it was their hustle that was key to the Tar Heels' ball control in overtime.

UNC guard Cherie Lea missed the back end of a one-and-one with 4:41 to play in overtime, but Higgins was there to keep possession for the Tar Heels. Higgins chased the loose ball down in the right corner and threw it into the hands of an out-of-bounds Hosac.

With less than two minutes to play, Barksdale chased down her own rebound to reset the offense for UNC. She subsequently hit a reverse layup on an entry pass from Juana Brown for a 63-61 lead.

"They really started to box out at the

end of the game," LaRue said.

The offensive rebounding helped put UNC in the driver's seat and allowed the Tar Heels to hold possession for 3:18 of the five extra minutes.

"It means a lot when you only have five minutes to play," Barksdale said. "You can't wait."



Tar Heel junior Jackie Higgins grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds and added seven points against Virginia.

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UNC 66, Virginia 63 (OT)

Box Score	
Virginia	30 27 6 63
UNC	29 28 9 66

Virginia (63)						
min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Volnaya	34 4-13	0-2	2-3	0	4	9
LaRue	32 7-11	2-3	4-12	1	3	10
Hosac	36 1-5	0-0	2-9	1	5	2
Robinson	41 5-9	0-0	2-6	4	1	11
Quarles	39 7-18	3-4	4-4	1	2	19
Lias	18 0-3	0-0	0-0	1	4	0
Michelton	16 1-6	0-1	4-7	0	1	2
Tracy	3 0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kawoche	6 0-0	4-0	0-0	0	1	4
Total	225 25-69	9-14	19-41	8	21	63

Percentages - FG .362, FT .543, 3-point goals - 4-19 (21) (Volnaya 1-5, LaRue 0-1, Hosac 0-1, Robinson 1-4, Quarles 2-8). Team rebounds - 7. Blocked shots - 4 (Volnaya, LaRue, Lias, Kawoche). Turnovers - 18 (LaRue 4, Quarles 4, Robinson 3, Volnaya 3, Hosac, Lias, Michelton). Steals - 10 (Hosac 4, Lias 2, Robinson 2, Quarles, Volnaya).

UNC (66)						
min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Sharp	27 1-4	2-2	0-3	2	2	5
Barksdale	32 3-16	2-4	3-6	0	4	9
Allen	13 1-2	0-0	0-3	0	5	2
J. Brown	38 4-8	2-2	4-9	2	0	10
Lea	24 1-4	1-4	0-2	1	0	3
Higgins	31 2-7	3-4	4-10	1	3	7
Teasley	37 5-14	11-11	1-3	4	2	24
Thomas	14 2-4	0-0	0-1	0	0	4
Huntington	7 1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
C. Brown	2 0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Total	225 20-60	21-27	12-38	10	17	66

Percentages - FG .333, FT .778, 3-point goals - 5-19 (23) (Sharp 1-3, Barksdale 1-2, J. Brown 0-1, Higgins 0-1, Teasley 3-8). Team rebounds - 3. Blocked shots - 6 (Allen 3, J. Brown 3, Higgins 3, Teasley 2, Lea 2, Allen, Sharp). Steals - 10 (Teasley 5, J. Brown 2, Barksdale, Higgins, Lea). Technical fouls - None. Attendance - 1,875.

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