

Tar Heels Hold Off FSU, Keep NCAA Hopes Alive

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Before her first start since Jan. 3, North Carolina point guard Nikki Teasley stood impatiently, arms folded, waiting for Florida State to take the floor.

As the final seconds of UNC's 78-74 win ticked off the Leon County Civic Center clock, Teasley held the ball low, guarding it with sharpened elbows.

Women's Basketball	
UNC	78
Florida State	74

to relish pressure like this."

Despite Hatchell's pregame speech, the Tar Heels had to sweat out a dramatic finish. With 4.2 seconds left and FSU trailing by three, UNC's Juana Brown seemingly bailed the Seminoles out by fouling Lakesha Springle on a desperation 3-point attempt.

But Springle, fresh off the bench, missed all three free throws. Barksdale was quickly fouled and hit one of two foul shots to seal the game.

UNC trailed by as many seven in the second half but used its pressure defense to claw back. Then Teasley and her nemesis for the night, FSU point guard April Traylor, took over.

A Teasley assist on a Jackie Higgins layup cut the lead to two. Then Traylor scored. Two free throws by Teasley. A bucket by Traylor. One free throw by Teasley, who was 10-of-11 from the line.

Then Teasley got some help. Freshman Cherie Lea stole a Seminoles inbound pass intended for Traylor and hit a cutting Teasley, trimming the lead to 74-73.

A Seminoles miss, followed by two more Teasley free throws. Traylor then missed a running floater and picked up her fifth foul on — you guessed it — Teasley, who made both shots to give UNC a 77-74 lead.

Hatchell interrupted before Barksdale could continue. "I told them that," she said. "You can say that's putting pressure on them, but you've got



Junior forward LaQuanda Barksdale scored a game-high 26 points in UNC's victory against FSU.

off the bench since her return seven games ago, was a simple case of re-energizing her team for the long haul.

"(In practice) that first group with Nikki at point guard looked really good," she said. "We have to be that way to win the ACC championship."

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UNC 78, Florida State 74							
Box Score							
UNC	35 43 78						
Florida State	36 38 74						
UNC (78)							
min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
J. Brown	32	4-13	3-4	5-6	2	3	13
Barksdale	36	11-24	4-5	2-2	2	1	26
Allen	10	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Shelton	32	3-8	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Teasley	33	5-14	10-11	1-2	9	1	21
Hurricane	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Thomas	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
Higgins	30	3-7	0-1	2-2	2	6	6
C. Brown	23	3-7	2-2	2-1	3	8	8
Lea	19	1-1	0-0	0-1	2	1	2
Total	200	28-67	19-23	15-34	18	16	78

Percentages — FG 41.8, FT 82.6
3-point goals — 3-12 250 (J. Brown 2-4, Teasley 1-7, C. Brown 0-1)

Team rebounds — 3
Blocked shots — None
Turnovers — 15 (Teasley 5, Lea 3, Higgins 2, J. Brown, Barksdale, Allen, Sharp, C. Brown)

Steals — 15 (Barksdale 4, C. Brown 4, J. Brown 2, Teasley 2, Allen, Higgins, Lea)

FSU (74)							
min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
Coleman	24	6-9	1-2	1-2	1	4	13
Wyckoff	35	4-10	1-2	3-8	3	1	9
Viggs	23	3-8	0-0	0-2	1	2	6
Stetson	34	3-5	2-2	1-3	5	4	6
Traylor	36	9-17	1-1	1-5	8	5	19
Springle	4	0-0	0-3	0-1	0	0	0
Tones	11	3-3	0-2	0-2	0	1	6
Beal	11	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	3
Bradley	22	5-7	0-0	1-4	1	3	10
Total	200	34-61	5-12	10-35	19	20	74

Percentages — FG 55.7, FT 41.7
3-point goals — 1-6 167 (Beal 1-2, Stetson 0-1, Traylor 0-1, Wyckoff 0-2)

Team rebounds — 7
Blocked shots — 3 (Wyckoff, Vigne, Bradley)

Turnovers — 24 (Traylor 6, Coleman 5, Stetson 4, Wyckoff 3, Springle 2, Bradley 2, Beal, Vignes)

Steals — 7 (Stetson 3, Wyckoff 2, Traylor, Springle)

Technical fouls — None Attendance — 1,076

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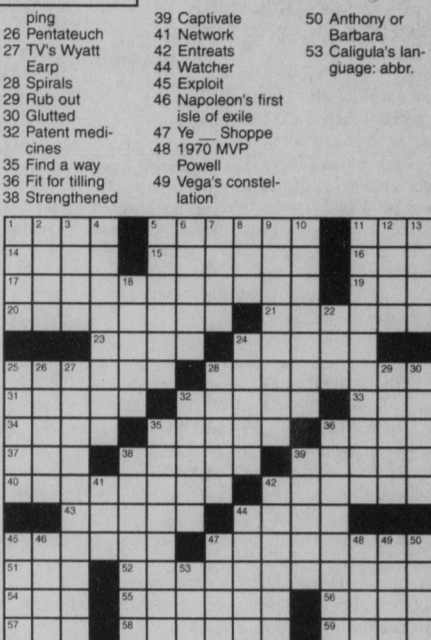
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5 Elf
11 Republicans, briefly
14 Cuckoo
15 Dern and Ashley
16 4-stringed guitar
17 TV's Matt Dillon
19 Passive, fellon cosmic principle
20 Sea otter's dinner
21 up (united)
22 Makes lace
24 Blair or Ronstadt
25 Different ones
28 Admits reluctantly
31 Decants
32 Evade by cunning
33 Lyricist
34 Gershwin
34 Work units
35 Calls out
36 H.S. junior's exam
37 Slangy negative
38 Spiritual nature
39 Near
40 Presentations

DOWN

1 Hindu prince
2 Spirited steed
3 Mountain lion
4 Ore refiners
5 Presents to fit a bias
6 Peels
7 Baseball scores
8 Intense anger
9 Winery events
10 Intrinsic quality
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12 Depression migrant
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