

By Any Name, UNC's Barksdale Has Plenty of Game

By BRET STRELOW
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At the beginning of North Carolina women's basketball games, she's introduced as a forward.

Opposing coaches say she's a guard. Many of her teammates and friends simply call her "Q."

No matter how people identify her, most of the titles don't hold that much weight with 5-foot-11 LaQuanda Barksdale.

"With the set we're going with now, like a four-around-one, there's only really one post there anyway, and the rest are guards," said Barksdale, who plays power forward. "I think they put too much on naming positions."

But Barksdale has recently acquired another title that she won't mind holding on to: first-team All-ACC performer.

She averaged 17.4 points and 8.5 rebounds a game in the regular season to lead the ACC in both categories.

Each of the last three seasons, the player who has led the ACC in scoring and rebounding has earned ACC Player of the Year honors. N.C. State center

Summer Erb did it last year, and former UNC power forward Tracy Reid accomplished the feat the season before that.

But Barksdale did not win ACC Player of the Year. That honor went to Duke guard Georgia Schweitzer, who averaged 15.7 points and 4.0 boards. In fact, Barksdale received the lowest vote total of any of the first-team performers.

Lack of respect is nothing new to Barksdale, who entered UNC in the fall of 1997 without the same acclaim that fellow juniors Juana Brown and Nikki Teasley received.

Both were members of the USA Basketball Junior National team that won a gold medal at the World Championships in the summer of 1997.

Barksdale, on the other hand, quietly came to UNC from West Forsyth High School in Clemmons, where she earned Central-Piedmont All-Conference honors all four years as a center.

"A lot of people hadn't heard of her outside North Carolina," Brown said. "I know I didn't, and I was totally shocked. I was like, 'Why haven't I heard of this girl before?'"

In her first season, a year that Teasley

and Brown combined to start 43 games, Barksdale served as Reid's understudy.

Barksdale didn't start a single game and averaged 4.8 points a game.

"I had no problem playing behind her," Barksdale said. "I knew that I was going to have to play behind somebody when I came in, whether it be at the 3 position or at the 4 position."

When Barksdale got her opportunities — she averaged 10.6 minutes a game — she played well. Had she played the 32.0 minutes a contest she averaged during this regular season, Barksdale's numbers would have projected to 14.5 points and 7.2 rebounds a game.

"Even though she didn't play that much, her stats were outstanding for the number of minutes that she played,"



UNC junior LaQuanda Barksdale averaged an ACC-high 17.4 ppg and 8.5 rpg.

UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "You know, you're not going to put Tracy Reid on the bench."

"I think just going against Tracy every day in practice helped her be better but also gave her a lot of confidence."

Barksdale also began to find her identity. Hatchell recruited her to play on the wing or as a guard, but Barksdale said she struggled to learn the position. Hatchell decided to give her another shot in the post at Wake Forest on Dec. 4, 1997.

Barksdale responded with four points and four boards in seven minutes of play.

"Coach Hatchell just kind of put me in there because I was at home," Barksdale said. "As soon as I got in, I scored twice, so she had me come in and practice with the 4 players, and I did a good job."

Barksdale has been entrenched in that position since. She has started 60 games in the last two seasons and is finally being mentioned in the same breath as Brown and Teasley.

But this season hasn't always been easy. When Teasley took a leave of

absence before a game at Virginia on Jan. 6, Barksdale began to struggle. She shot 33 percent from the field in the seven games Teasley missed.

Barksdale didn't deny that she pressed too hard with Teasley out of the lineup.

"She gets in position to get other people shots," Barksdale said. "When she was gone, I had to try to create my own shots, and that wasn't working too well."

Barksdale often took her game to the perimeter with Teasley out of the lineup. She had attempted 10 trifectas in UNC's first 12 games, but she hoisted up 15 treys during the seven-game stretch. UNC lost six out of those seven games.

But Barksdale shouldn't abandon her perimeter game. Hatchell said that if she goes on to the WNBA after college, she'll mark her mark on the wing.

Barksdale has even come to that realization.

"I believe that now. When I first came into college, I was a little skeptical about playing the guard position,"

Freshmen Lead Tar Heels to Best Start Ever

By ADAM D. HILL
Staff Writer

The North Carolina baseball squad journeyed Tuesday afternoon where no Tar Heel team had gone before.

The expedition led the 2000 squad to an 11-8 victory against Western Carolina and, at the same time, to the best start ever in school history at 17-0.

"I give them a lot of credit, because you don't see this a lot," UNC coach Mike Fox said. "We would never have

thought this. Our players have done a good job. I give them all the credit.

"This is quite an accomplishment — it may never happen again."

The UNC trek to greatness wasn't guided by a seasoned veteran but instead was led by a pair of freshmen: Sean Farrell and Scott Autrey.

Farrell, a recruited walk-on third baseman, went 3-for-4 on the day and hammered home runs in the second and seventh innings. Farrell's five RBI were a game high and gave plenty of cushion to Autrey, the starting pitcher.

Autrey got the nod on the mound and hurled six strong innings. The right-hander (4-0) allowed two earned runs

and struck out a pair.

"It was good just to go out there and give our team a chance to win," Autrey said. "Obviously, it is cool for me to get the win, but it was a team thing."

Tyrell Godwin belted his fourth home run of the year and posted four RBI, while first baseman Jay Madeira pounded out three hits in five at bats.

The Tar Heels posted a run in the first, then erupted in the second to score five more, bringing the tally to 6-0 at the end of two innings.

From that point, UNC continued to belt away at the Catamounts (4-13), scoring one run in the fifth inning and four more in the seventh.

It took WCU five innings to post its initial run, and, although they never led, the Catamounts didn't go down easily.

WCU scored four runs in the ninth inning, bringing the final tally to 11-8.

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Pitching: WCU — House, Banner (2), Gordon (8), Hoover (7), Price (7), Foster (8) and Smithwick. UNC — Autrey (6), Finney (7), King (9), Turner (8) and Moyer, Sherrin (8). Leading hitters: WCU — Buchanan 2-5 (HR, 3 RBI), Thomas 1-5 (2 RBI), UNC — Farrell 3-4 (HR, 2 runs, 5 RBI), Godwin 2-4 (HR, 2 runs, 4 RBI), Madeira 3-5 (2B, 3 runs, 5B).

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HOROSCOPES
by linda c. black

Today's Birthday (March 8)
A gamble might pay off this year, but to you it's more like a sure deal. If you don't feel certain, don't do it. The opportunity should present itself around April. You'll have plenty in May, so take good care of it. You can make it last at least through August. Work takes on new meaning around August. Don't overspend in October. Knock bodies and doors open in December. Your dreams could be prophetic, especially next February. Get in the habit of writing them down.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21-April 19)
— Today is an 8 — You could take off like a rocket! Your adrenaline level is at an all-time high. Don't let second thoughts slow you down. Watch where you're going and apologize if you step on a co-worker's toes. Be the perfect lady or gentleman and straighten up the top.
Taurus (April 20-May 20)
— Today is a 6 — You probably feel pushed. Your conscience is nagging at you. A little more research may be necessary, but don't put it off any longer. Don't be foot-happy. Play by the rules, and you might find a buried treasure.
Gemini (May 21-June 21)
— Today is an 8 — Do you see an opportunity that's too big to tackle by yourself? You need the right team to work with. This shouldn't be too hard. Just call up a few good friends. They'll all want to play with you.
Cancer (June 22-July 22)
— Today is a 6 — Sometimes being successful is kind of scary. If somebody ridicules you, don't use that as an excuse to shut down. Actually, you should thank a critical person. He or she will help you become even more perfect. Don't quit!
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
— Today is an 8 — Sports, games and romance should be good for you now. You're probably in the mood to follow through on a whim. If you go off and do something wild and crazy during your lunch hour, try not to be late getting back. The boss will be watching the clock.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
— Today is a 6 — If you're involved with a business deal, take care. Make sure you have the facts and figures on your side. This is your natural tendency anyway, so you may have done the homework already. Don't be intimidated by a person who's louder than you are, though.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
— Today is an 8 — You're working hard, and you may not have to pass on a social engagement. Take time to make sure you're accurate, however. Mistakes can slip in easily now, so find them before anybody else does. Then, budget a special treat for yourself.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
— Today is an 8 — You're working fast and furiously again. You're being pushed to the max, and you're meeting the challenge. Your adrenaline is pumping, so you're going warp speed. Slow down for a person who can't keep up with you.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
— Today is an 8 — Romance, games and children are your major themes. Usually, on days like this, you have a lot of fun with little effort. Look for a mistake in communication or a missed message, however. Better check your answering machine again.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
— Today is a 7 — You're not in the mood to put up with anything. To others, the change might seem to be happening quickly, but not to you. You feel like you've been wearing shoes that were too tight for way too long. Toss them — and anything else that doesn't work! Get new!
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
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