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And So It Ends

Florida, Foul Trouble Doom UNC's National Title Dreams

By BRIAN MURPHY
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INDIANAPOLIS - The moment was one of inaction and silence.

It was most telling. Seconds after Ed Cota, North Carolina's senior point guard, picked up his fourth foul in Saturday's national semifinal contest with Florida, he looked toward his bench.

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UNC coach Bill Guthridge looked back at his point guard, said nothing and sent no one in the game to take his place.

With 13:18 left and the Tar Heels clinging to a hard-fought 60-56 lead, Guthridge could not risk taking out Cota, who had handled the Gators' tremendous press with poise, if not perfection.

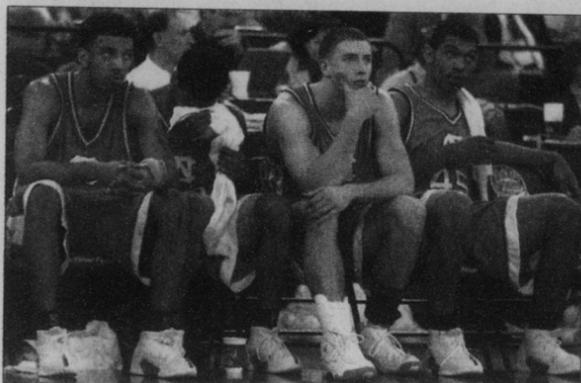
The decision not to replace Cota, who earned his fourth foul on a reach-in, coincided with Florida's decision to go after the Tar Heel point guard.

"We just huddled. We're like, 'Guys, we've got to get after him. He's not going to want to penetrate, not going to want to reach on the defensive end. We've got to go after him,'" Florida center Udonis Haslem said.

And they did. After Cota picked up his fourth, the Gators outscored UNC 25-9. The spurt pushed Florida past the Tar Heels 71-59 and into its first national championship game Monday against Michigan State. The Spartans whipped Big Ten rival Wisconsin 53-41 in Saturday's other semifinal.

For Cota, the game marked his third career trip to the Final Four with many a win to show for it. But if it wasn't for the third-place all-time assist man in

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DTH/MILLER PEARSALL

North Carolina's players can do nothing but watch as the final moments of Saturday's Final Four loss to Florida in Indianapolis tick away.

Deep Gators Overmatch Punchless UNC Reserves

By EVAN MARKFIELD
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INDIANAPOLIS - North Carolina's lack of depth was supposed to doom it against Missouri in round one. The same was said before the game against Tennessee. Against Tulsa in South Regional final? Ditto.

But after UNC kept running on empty all the way to the RCA Dome for the Final Four, a deep Florida team finally burned off the last few drops in the Tar Heels' tank Saturday night.

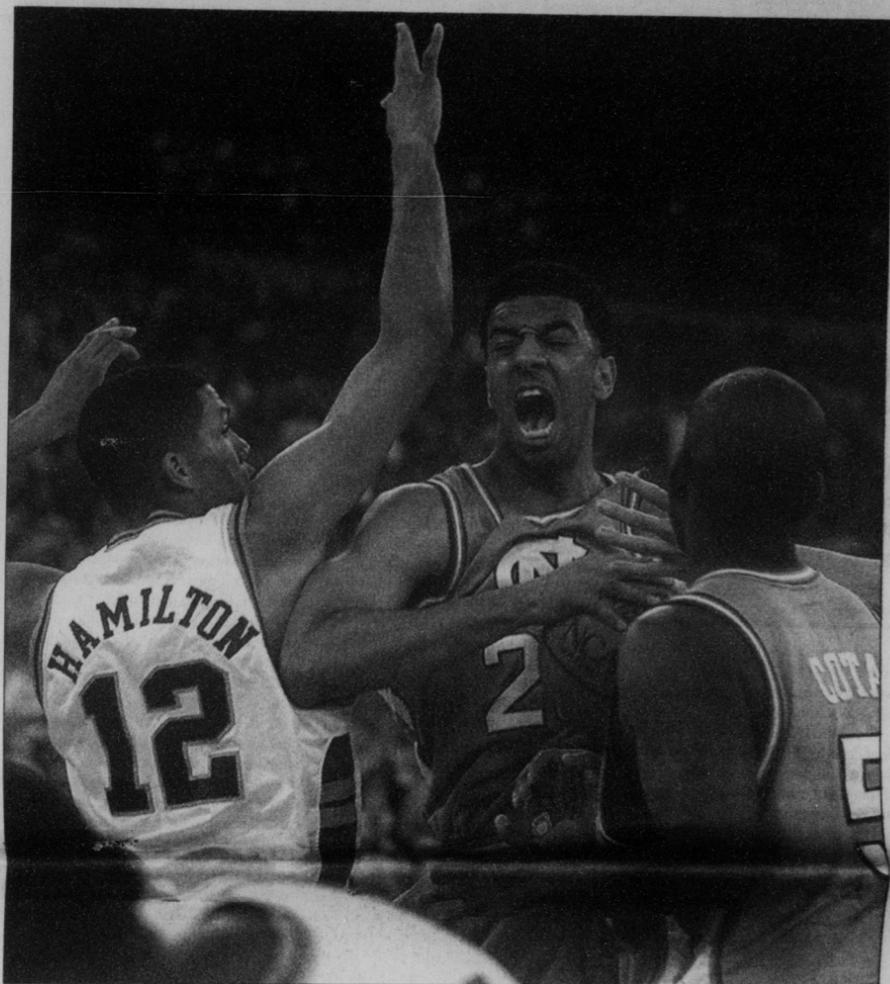
Burdened by fatigue and foul trouble, UNC had no bench help to turn to late

in its 71-59 loss to the Gators.

"We were in foul trouble, and we weren't knocking down the shots," UNC guard Joseph Forte said. "Then the press, of course. I think that collectively took its toll on us."

Point guard Ed Cota had played nearly every minute for UNC in the NCAA Tournament. With their six-man rotation, the Tar Heels were expected to reach the pinnacle of exhaustion against the tenacious Gator press.

"Fatigue was a factor," UNC center Brendan Haywood said. "We play six guys, sometimes seven. Some of their guys play 15 minutes a game, and we



DTH/MILLER PEARSALL

Tar Heel forward Jason Capel drives the lane against Florida's Justin Hamilton. Capel fouled out of Saturday's loss with nine points and 10 rebounds. The Gators' relentless press caused 17 UNC turnovers.

play 30 minutes a game. It's going to be a factor because they have more energy."

While being tired didn't do the Tar Heels in by itself, it certainly didn't help against a Gator team on which 10 play-

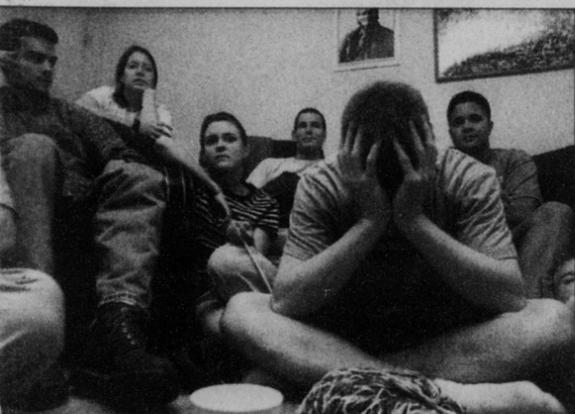
ers recorded double-figure minutes.

Florida had no problem with that. In practice the starters (the blue team) scrimmage the reserves (the white team), and reserve guard Major Parker said Gator coach Billy Donovan doesn't

call the game over until his blue team wins.

"I think it's the other way around," starter Mike Miller said. "He doesn't

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Junior Ken Garris (right) shows his frustration during UNC's loss Saturday. He watched the game with friends at Townhouse Apartments.

Game Crowd Floods Downtown

Several watering holes got citations for overcrowding as Tar Heel fans flocked downtown for the game.

By THERESA CHEN
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Hours before the UNC men's basketball team took to the court to battle Florida, Tar Heel fans in Chapel Hill found themselves fighting, too - packing into bars to watch the game.

As early as 1 p.m., fans flocked to Franklin Street bars and restaurants, lay-

ing claim to what would become coveted seats and tables.

Later in the day, lines to get into popular pubs and eateries wrapped around the block, as loyal fans tested their patience and restaurant workers took crowd control to an entirely new level.

Hams, Woody's Tar Heel Tavern and Grill and 23 Steps were issued citations for overcrowding by the end of the night, marking the extent of major violations issued during and after the game.

"It was very nerve-racking," Hams manager Alit Bedik said. "We had to get 50 people outside."

Bedik said people were cooperative because they were able to move to the restaurant's outdoor patio but that fans

still waiting in line outside were upset when they were denied entrance.

The frustrations of those waiting in line were in contrast to the jovial atmosphere inside the bars. "We heckled people from Top of the Hill," said Josh Martin, a senior from Charlotte. "We yelled to all the fine girls on Franklin Street."

After North Carolina's 71-59 loss to the Florida Gators, many fans remained in the bars and taverns to rekindle their drooping spirits instead of heading straight onto Franklin Street.

Although someone was yelling "Riot, riot" in front of Woody's, the chant and

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McCoy Agrees to Joint Labor Ties

By ALEXANDRA MOLAIRE
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Following weeks of debate and student protests, the chancellor has agreed to enroll UNC in a fledgling labor monitoring organization while retaining its current membership in another group.

With recommendations from a UNC labor advisory committee, interim Chancellor Bill McCoy decided Friday that UNC would conditionally join the Worker Rights Consortium and would extend its membership with the Fair

Labor Association for another year.

"We have agreed as a University to certain standards," McCoy said. "We will try to work with both organizations and form them (to our standards)."

Advisory committee members were pleased with the decision, even those who opposed UNC's affiliation with the FLA, a nonprofit group comprised of apparel and footwear companies, labor rights groups and universities. The WRC is another labor monitoring group created with input from workers, students and labor advocates.

"I think this is a partial but a significant victory for the anti-sweatshop movement," said junior Todd Pugatch, a committee member and member of Students for Economic Justice, a student group allied against the FLA.

"It sends a strong message that the Worker Rights Consortium can be an effective institution for eliminating sweatshop labor," he said.

Pugatch said there was confusion over his position ever since he filed a

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Search for Next Chancellor To Extend Beyond Semester

By KATIE ABEL
University Editor

The search for UNC's ninth chancellor will now likely extend into summer, past UNC-system President Molly Broad's deadline for the hunt to end by Commencement.

Search Committee Chairman Richard Stevens announced Friday that the committee had planned four addi-

tional meetings through May 25, five months after its self-imposed deadline.

Neither Broad or Stevens could be reached for comment as of late Sunday night.

The committee has hit several snags in the eight-month search and could still be scrambling to garner finalists.

Media leaks forced two top con-

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INSIDE Monday

Get on the Bus

With the retirement of Transportation Director Bob Godding imminent, Scott McClellan has been named to serve as the interim director. See Page 4.

Carrboro H2Woes

In anticipation of future water needs, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen are seeking to obtain OWASA-owned land for a water tower. See Page 5.

CollegeDegree.Com

Technology is increasingly entering the realm of higher education, as the University of Oregon becomes the latest university to offer an Internet degree. Officials say UNC might soon follow its lead. See Page 7.

Shutout City, N.C.

The UNC women's tennis team swept singles matches to beat Indiana 6-0 Saturday at home. The Tar Heels got a break from doubles play for the second match in a row. See Page 11.

Today's Weather

Thunderstorms;
High 70s.
Tuesday: More rain;
Low 70s.

It is in games that many men discover their paradise.

Robert Lynd