What They're Saying **About Matt Doherty**



JASON CAPEL Junior forward

"He struck me as a very confident person. He's going to demand a lot out of us, namely hard work. And if you give that to him, he'll do anything in the world for you. I look forward to playing for him."

"It's a new beginning for Carolina basketball. He's a bright, young coach. Maybe we need a young coach. We've had two old ones here recently."



Former UNC coach



IULIUS PEPPERS Sophomore forward

"I think he's going to do a good job becuase he knows everybody, he knows the system, he's tapped into the family. It's going to be a great situation."

"I am so impressed with his coaching and teaching skills, his integrity and his strong commitment to high personal values and academics."



JAMES MOESER



BRENDAN HAYWOOD

"I knew it was going to be a worthy candidate. I knew they weren't going to bring in anybody that was a no-name off the street, so it didn't really affect me that much."

Diving, Lacrosse Make Coaching Changes

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North Carolina expanded its swim-

ming and diving coaching staff Monday with the naming of Nunzio Esposto as the school's first ROUNDUP ever full-time head

ROUNDUP diving coach. Esposto has served the past two years as a part-time assistant to head coach Frank Comfort.

Esposto's appointment gives UNC three full-time coaches in its swimming

and diving program for the first time in school history. He joins Comfort and full-time assistant swimming coach Bill Tramel on the UNC staff.

Esposto, a 1991 alumnus of North Carolina, will begin his third year work-ing both for the University team and for the North Carolina Aquatic Club, the U.S. Diving club team based in Chapel

This past year North Carolina divers excelled at the ACC Championships with freshman Ashley Benner finaling

on both boards at the women's meet and Christian Zuburg and freshman Stephen Krebs doing similarly in the

Haus Hires Assistant Coach

New North Carolina men's lacrosse coach John Haus added to his staff Monday by naming former Johns Hopkins assistant Todd Cavallaro his full-time assistant men's lacrosse coach

Cavallaro replaces Jim Buczek, who resigned at the end of the season to pur-

sue coaching and teaching opportun

in Georgia.
Cavallaro will serve as UNC's offensive coordinator, a position he held at Johns Hopkins the past two years and at Washington College the four years prior to that. Haus was Cavallaro's head coach at both schools and has now brought him the Chapel Hill with him as

The duo led the Blue Jays to the NCAA semifinals in each of the last two

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friends was a bonus that came with the

That Doherty is a part of the Tar Heel basketball family was just as important

"Jordan and I taiked, and he was hoping we'd stay with a Carolina guy, and it wasn't just Mike but just about every-body," Smith said. "Others were contacted, and there was interest. But in the end it came back to family, and I'm very happy about it."

Four other members of the UNC 'family' pulled out of the running before Doherty accepted the post. The Philadelpia 76ers' Larry Brown and the Milwaukee Bucks' George Karl removed their names from the candi-date hat Monday despite many observers' beliefs that they were the frontrunners for what each called his dream job.

Brown made his decision to remain in Philadelphia after talking with UNC officials and his family about the job. Karl took himself out of the picture with some regret when UNC was not granted permission to speak with him about the opening by the Bucks.

South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler

dropped himself of the race Friday following "Others were contacted, and

Williams' emotion decision Thursday remain at Kansas. Baddour made

clear that

DEAN SMITH Williams was his Former UNC coach choice, but Williams cited his

loyalty to his players as the reason why he could not leave the Jayhawks after a week of deliberation on the decision.

Doherty, who was initially mentioned as a candidate for the job, became the clear-cut choice once these more experienced, higher-profile coaches declined

Doherty choked up when he talked about what Williams, whom he credited with teaching him what he knows about coaching, meant to him and to his

"Someone that I really want to thank

that some people may be a little sore at is Coach Williams," he said with tears. "The end it came back to family, and opportunity that he gave me at Kansas put me in the position to get to Notre Dame and put me in the position to get here."

Although Doherty was not UNC's first choice, the team seemed pleased with its new leader

"I think he'll be a pretty good coach," senior center Brendan Haywood said "He's had success in the past, and he's

learned from some great people."

Junior forward Jason Capel was optimistic about the team's future under

"They promised they'd get us a good coach, and they did," he said. "He's coached under Coach Williams for several years and had a great year last year at Notre Dame. We have some players, and we have somebody that is

going to push us everyday."

As much as anything else, the hiring brought relief to those surrounding the

The coaching saga, which Smith said seemed like it lasted 10 weeks, was finally over. The players can now go about their business with some normalcy and begin getting to know their new leader.

"Everybody's just happy that we've got a coach, that we're not out there, sophomore forward Julius Peppers said. 'We're not lost anymore.

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said. "So it's going to be different, but you have to understand coach had to bring in who was successful for him."

The new coaches are optimistic that they will be able to settle in with their

"Hopefully, they'll react well," MacKinnon said. "As Coach Doherty said, they came here to win championships. That's why we came here as a staff and that's why Matt came here. As long as everyone is working toward the same common goal, I don't think there will be any problems."

There are already some bonds between the team and new staff. Wojcik said he knows sophomore guard Jonathan Holmes and incoming fresh-men Adam Boone, Neil Fingleton and Brian Morrison from the recruiting

trails.

"We have great young men here in our program and I know that they'll like Matt and Matt will like them," Bill Guthridge said. "I think it will be a good

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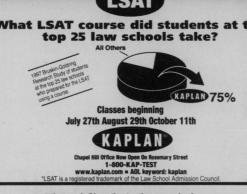
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