

**Notre Dame Runs Away From UNC**

Senior forward LaQuanda Barksdale (left) scored 14 points and had 17 rebounds in a 78-55 loss against the No. 4 Fighting Irish. See Page 7



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# Struggling Wildcats Embarrass Tar Heels at Home

Kentucky erased a 10-point deficit in the first half and handed UNC its second-worst defeat at the Smith Center.

By T. NOLAN HAYES  
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All of the elements that can make a great game were present.

Two storied traditions – the two winningest programs in the history of college basketball, in fact – were set to collide. Kentucky and North Carolina. They would play in a sold-out Smith Center, with the legendary banners and jerseys hanging down from the ceiling as reminders of past greatness.

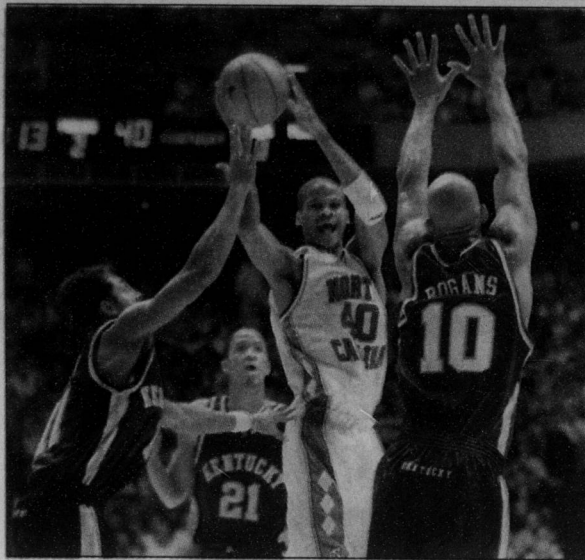
As if that weren't enough, NBA star Vince Carter would be in the house to watch his jersey join the others in a halftime ceremony.

But despite the tradition and the setting, a great game did not happen. Kentucky overcame an early 10-point deficit and pounded UNC 93-76 on Saturday afternoon, handing the Tar Heels their second-worst defeat ever at the Smith Center.

It was an embarrassing loss for the

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UNC sophomore guard Joseph Forte (40) tries to find his way out of a crowd of Kentucky defenders. Forte hit 8-of-22 shots on the afternoon.

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Tar Heels, who could only watch as Kentucky – unranked after a 1-3 start – beat them in every aspect of the game.

"I just want to open up by apologizing to the fans and students," UNC coach Matt Doherty said as he addressed the media. "I thought the

atmosphere was great – it was a great college basketball atmosphere. The fans did their part, and we didn't do ours."

Early on, that wasn't the case. UNC (3-2) scored the first seven points of the game and led 21-11 midway through the first half after getting field goals from six

different players.

The Wildcats were staring 1-4 – and a very unhappy trip back to Lexington – in the face. But they didn't blink.

"We came out with a must-win attitude," Kentucky guard Keith Bogans said. "We weren't accepting anything else."

With that attitude, they got right back into the game.

Substitutes Marquis Estill and Erik Daniels combined for 11 points in a four-minute span as Kentucky tied the game at 25. Estill killed the Tar Heels all day, going off for career-high totals of 19 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks.

But the guy who hurt the Tar Heels the most in the first half was point guard Cliff Hawkins. Hawkins, who entered the game averaging two points in 10 minutes per game, had nine points and three assists in 11 minutes at the half.

UNC's Adam Boone and Brian Morrison were supposed to be the marquee freshman point guards in the game, but Hawkins outplayed both of them.

Boone went scoreless for the third time in five games, and Morrison shot 2-for-9 for five points. The two players combined for eight assists and six turnovers, and they were beaten several times for layups in transition when they failed to balance the floor.

"We need to take better care of the basketball," Doherty said.

Hawkins didn't have those problems. He scored just two points after halftime.

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## Parker Fights Foul Trouble, Pleases Parents With Win

By BRET STRELOW  
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After the final buzzer sounded, Jason Parker walked to midcourt and stared into the Smith Center crowd.

Parker quickly spotted his father, Jesse, standing in the front row near the Kentucky bench. The Wildcats had just beaten North Carolina 93-76, and Jesse extended his right arm and gave his son a congratulatory thumbs up.

"We're just glad we got the win," Jesse Parker said. "They were 1-3, so this really was a big win for them."

Jason Parker had a hand in stopping the Wildcats' slide. Parker scored six points and corralled three rebounds in the victory. He picked up two fouls in each half and was limited to 12 minutes of playing time.

"He doesn't like to sit too long," Jason's mother, Mable, said at halftime.

The Parker family – Jesse, Mable, Jesse Jr. and Stephen – arrived in Chapel Hill approximately two hours before tip-off of Saturday's game, which was Jason's first as a college player at the Smith Center.

Parker had signed with UNC while at

West Charlotte High School, but he failed to qualify and spent last season at Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Va.

Parker wasn't admitted this fall after a qualifying score on the SAT was flagged by the NCAA.

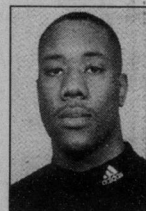
UNC coach Matt Doherty sent a letter to The Daily Tar Heel asking students to give Parker a standing ovation before Saturday's game because he had wanted to play at North Carolina.

The fans – most of them, anyway – obliged and cheered for Parker when he was announced as Kentucky's starting power forward.

"That's outstanding," Jesse Parker said. "I knew they would. They're a first-class student body, a first-class university."

Parker called his parents last week

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# UNC's Hopes for 1st Title Slip Away

By IAN GORDON  
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No one thought one goal would be enough.

One goal couldn't beat a North Carolina men's soccer team that had averaged more than three during the regular season.

That's what people thought. But that's exactly what happened Saturday against Indiana.

Despite the fact that the Tar Heels outshot the Hoosiers 18-8, Indiana beat UNC 1-0 at Fetzer Field in an NCAA quarterfinal match. It was the first time the Tar Heels were shut out all year.

"For them to keep us scoreless is just a fantastic feat to do because no other team has done it all season long," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said.

Midfielder Ryan Mack scored a counterattack goal in the 59th minute, ending the Tar Heels' 15-game winning streak and their hopes for a national championship.

Indiana, which has appeared in 25 NCAA tournaments in 28 years, will face Creighton in the national semifinals Friday in Charlotte.

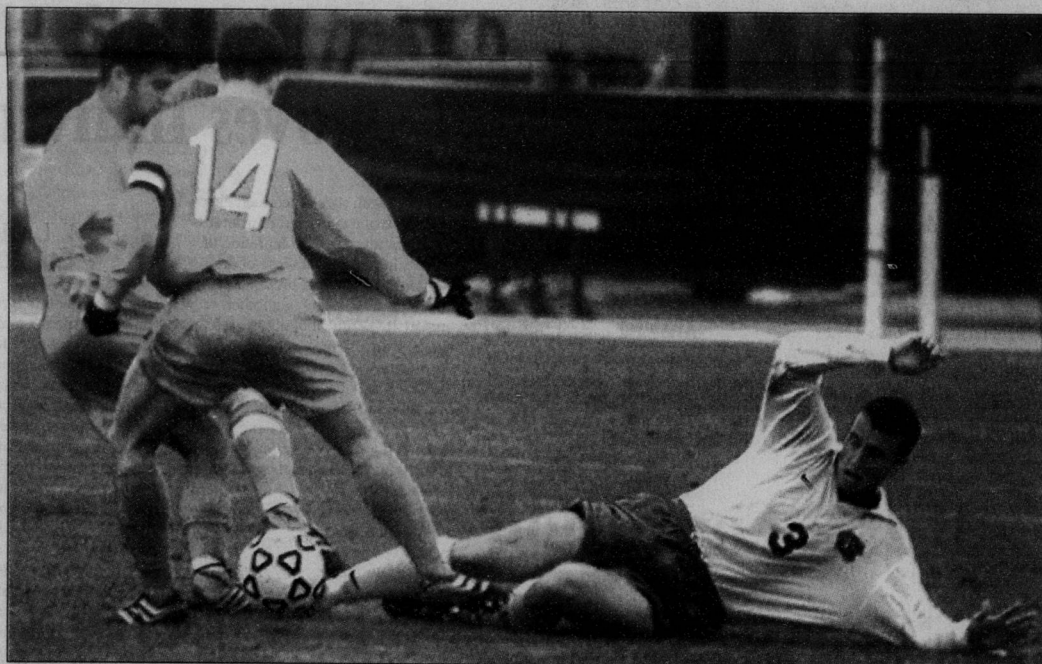
Although the Tar Heels (21-3) controlled the ball for much of the match, two key lapses on one play allowed Indiana (16-6) to seize the lead.

The series started when Indiana striker Pat Noonan stole a weak pass by UNC midfielder Michael Bucy. Noonan then lofted a ball from midfield to the right side of the penalty area for a streaking Mack.

Mack, the Big Ten player of the year, collected the pass after sneaking by UNC's Eddie Robinson. Mack fired a shot past goalkeeper Michael Ueltschey to the near post for the game-winner.

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UNC	0



North Carolina senior Eddie Robinson (3) fights Indiana midfielder Justin Tauber (14) and another Hoosier for possession of the ball. Robinson led the Tar Heels with five shots but was unable to find the back of the net.

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## New Names Mentioned In Search

UNC has gotten permission to talk to Ole Miss coach David Cutcliffe and New Orleans Saints assistant John Bunting.

By BRET STRELOW  
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Gary Darnell might not be Dick Baddour's top choice after all.

Reports state that Baddour, North Carolina's athletics director, recently has received permission to talk to Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe and New Orleans Saints linebackers coach John Bunting.

Darnell said following Western Michigan's loss to Marshall in the MAC title game on Saturday that he was happy in Kalamazoo, Mich.

"Right now, the only job I see in my future is at Western Michigan," he told The News & Observer.

When reached at his house in Kalamazoo on Sunday, Darnell said he didn't have anything to say concerning Chapel Hill. But his comments about Western Michigan were similar to the ones he made last week, when he didn't rule out a move.

"There's a thing that I call 'Carolina Quality' that's there," Darnell said. "If there was a chance for us to be there, then we'd certainly be excited to listen about it."

Baddour received permission to talk to Darnell last week. Darnell said his feelings about the UNC job haven't changed in the last few days.

After the Marshall game, Darnell said he's interested in a program with strong leadership and a commitment to winning. He said Western Michigan has that.

Darnell said Sunday that those comments were in respect to what his staff has been able to do at the program.

"That doesn't mean you're married to it, though," he said.

Baddour might not be looking to lure Darnell away from Western Michigan though. Saints general manager Randy Mueller told the Biloxi (Miss.) Sun Herald that Baddour received permission Friday from Saints head coach Jim Haslett to interview Bunting.

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Western Michigan football coach Gary Darnell has given mixed signals on his desire for the UNC job.

## Defending Champs Utilize Experience

By ROLAND HOFFMAN  
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The difference between the Indiana and North Carolina men's soccer teams was simply a matter of experience.

For the Tar Heels, the quarterfinal game marked the farthest they had advanced in the NCAA tournament since Anson Dorrance took them to the semifinals in 1987.

On the other hand, Indiana's 1-0 victory against the top-seeded Tar Heels on Saturday at Fetzer Field marked the Hoosiers' 13th straight NCAA tournament victory and their third straight on the road.

And although the Hoosiers have lost six matches this season, they also happen to be the two-time defending national champions.

"We know that a lot of guys on North Carolina haven't been a part of this

atmosphere, so we felt very confident coming in to our game," Indiana midfielder Justin Tauber said. "The tournament is a lot different from the regular season, and it's a lot different from the ACC tournament."

This difference became quite apparent Saturday. The Tar Heels tore through the regular season and ACC tournament with a record of 19-2, but they struggled two weeks ago against William & Mary.

Saturday's game exposed the inexperienced Tar Heels' largest weakness in the past few years: the inability to capitalize on scoring chances. UNC outshot Indiana 18-8, yet only the Hoosiers found the back of the net.

"Indiana's the type of team that's not going to get shot after shot," North Carolina junior forward Chris Carrieri said. "But they make the best of what they've got."

Jerry Yeagley will now be taking the Hoosiers to their 14th final four in his 28th season as coach. Saturday's victory

can be credited to the play of sophomore midfielder Pat Noonan and junior midfielder Ryan Mack.

Noonan, who led the Hoosiers with 26 points coming into the game, added

another with his game-winning assist to Mack. The goal conjured up memories of Mack's goal a year ago against UCLA that sent the Hoosiers to the championship game.

"I'm very proud of our team," Yeagley said. "I don't think anyone's given the Hoosiers much of a chance."

Although Indiana entered the game as the underdog, the Hoosiers showed the experience that has won them the last two national titles.

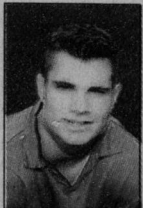
"They're composed. They don't panic," UNC coach Elmar Bolowich said. "On some occasions, we did panic on our shots instead of having a little bit of composure ourselves."

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Junior Noz Yamauchi (9) walks off the field after UNC's loss to Indiana as teammate Caleb Norkus (10) reacts to the defeat.



UNC forward Chris Carrieri said the Hoosiers made the most of their scoring opportunities.