### PARKER

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and told them he wasn't making the UNC game out as anything special. He scored his first bucket on a dunk

with 15:21 left in the first half to cut UNC's lead to 10-4. Parker sat the final 12:28 of the first half after picking up his

Parker had seven touches on the

Farker had seven touches on the offensive end in the contest and hit 3-of-5 shots, including two dunks.

"The minutes he was out there, he contributed a lot," Kentucky teammate Keith Bogans said. "I just thought this was something big for him. Mentally, it was real big coming back in here for him to have a good game. He still did what we needed him to do out there."

Parker is not allowed to talk the

Parker is not allowed to talk the media because of a rule Kentucky coach Tubby Smith has implemented for freshmen. Parker was averaging 10.5 points

and 7.8 rebounds coming into the game.
UNC center Brendan Haywood primarily guarded Parker when the Tar played man-to-man defense. Parker's only two misses were hooks attempted over Haywood.

Haywood said he and Parker didn't

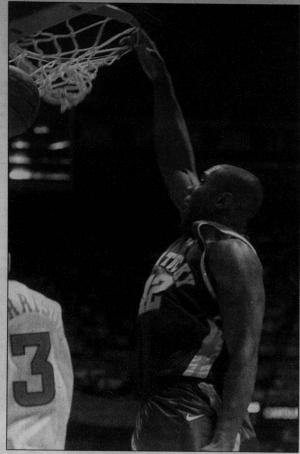
Taywood said he and Farker didn't talk much, but he did approach the Kentucky freshman after the game.

"I just told him 'We could have used you out there," Haywood said. "He smiled and said, I wish I could be here." After the conversation, Parker continued walking toward the tunnel on his

path to the Kentucky locker room. Jesse Parker stood and watched his son the whole way. By the time the No. 42 on his son's back was barely visible, he stood, shaking his head.

He couldn't wipe the smile off his face.

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Kentucky forward Jason Parker finishes one of his two dunks against the Tar Heels. Parker made 3-of-5 field goals en route to six points.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** 

but he finished with five assists and one

but he misned with five assists and one turnover.

"He was the key, I thought, in the first half," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "He really set the tone. He was able to penetrate, and that's what I thought broke them down when we came back from 10 down. He really brought us back with his penetration

and energy."

Behind the strength of their bench play and an 18-4 run, the Wildcats led 38-35 at the half.

But just as they did to start the game, the Tar Heels came out of the locker room hot. Center Brendan Haywood

(18 points, 11 rebounds) scored twice on putbacks and threw down a thunderous dunk to put UNC ahead 48-45 with 16:10 to

But Haywood disappeared after that. The Wildcats, who played an extended 2-3 zone almost the entire

game, began making it more difficult for UNC to get the ball inside. That created open shots on the perimeter for the Tar Heels, but they issed them. Guard Joseph Forte struggled for the second game in a row, shooting 8-for-22 on his way to 19 points. Eight of those points came in the final 1:05, when the game had long

been decided "It was an ugly 19 points," said Forte, who was 5-for-16 against Michigan State in UNC's last game. "The shots weren't falling once again."

The Wildcats, meanwhile, began con-

necting from long ge with regular-for the first Prince (15 points) and guard Keith Bogans (18 points), a high school teammate of Forte,

We're going to get better."

combined to go 5-for-10 -point range in he second half.

UNC center

Brendan Haywood
recorded his first
double-double of the
season with 18 points
and 11 rebounds. The Wildcats made 7-of-12 3-pointers in the

second half against UNC's matchup zone after going 2-for-14 in the first half. "We just started to pass the ball," Smith said. "We

were holding the "Kentucky is a good team, but ball a little too long (in the first we didn't expect to lose by the amount we lost. But it's early. "I thought we did a better job of

attacking inside either with dribble MATT DOHERTY UNC Coach with the pass and

back out. We were able to get better looks at the basket because of that." Bogans scored six points and Prince

had five during a 17-2 run that blew the game open for Kentucky. A Bogans trey capped the spurt and gave the Wildcats a 62-50 edge with 10:23 remaining. The Tar Heels, known for great

comebacks in Chapel Hill, were unable to muster one. Kentucky added three more 3-pointers and made 10-of-13 free throws to end the game, and the margin grew as large as 23.

The good news for the Tar Heels - if there is any – is that there is only one direction they can go after a perfor-

"We will get better," Doherty said. "It is December 2nd. Kentucky was 1-3 coming in here, and they didn't quit. They battled.

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"Kentucky is a good team, but we didn't expect to lose by the amount we lost. But it's early. We're going to get

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# Kentucky 93, UNC 76

# Reddick's 1st Start a Success

North Carolina freshman Catherine Reddick earned defensive MVP honors for her effort in the final four.

By JAMES GIZA Assistant SportSaturday Editor

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Catherine Reddick sat in silence toward the end of the press conference following the North Carolina women's soccer team's 2-1 NCAA title-game victory against UCLA.

She listened as forward Meredith Florance, sitting directly to her right, talked about her four years as a Tar Heel and what it meant to her to leave as part of a national championship team.

Reddick's brown eyes remained fixed on Florance as she spoke. The moment

was quite poignant.

Reddick, who made her first career start against the Bruins and earned defensive MVP honors for the tourna ment, got her collegiate career going full-force, while Florance's came to an end.

"I had a gut feeling that Catherine was ready," UNC coach Anson Dorrance said. "When we recruited her out of high school, we recruited her to

step in and start as a freshman."

But after Reddick spent the entire season backing up senior Julia Marslender, who established herself as a worthy starter during the spring,

Dorrance's decision to start her came as a surprise. "I was kind of

it," said Reddick. who had four goals and five assi the season. "When he told me, I was just excited. My neart started beating, and I was like, I really hope I can

"And then after

to be a part of this program, and I'm so excited that I'm here."

Reddick shouldn't have been so ner-

final win against top-seeded Notre Dame.
In the 63rd minute with the Fighting



**UNC** defende **Catherine Reddick** deflected off of a UCLA player for the

the first five minutes when you're the most nervous, I got play. I'm ready to be out here. I'm ready

ous after getting her weekend off to such a fine start. She made what was perhaps the key play Friday in UNC's 2-1 semi-

Irish leading 1-0, forward Ali Lovelace broke through the Tar Heel defense and juked goalkeeper Jenni Branam as she ran out to contest the ball.

In came Reddick, streaking in from seemingly out of nowhere to deflect Lovelace's shot with her torso and knock it out harmlessly past the end line. Her stellar play surely contributed to

Dorrance's comfort with starting her and pushing Danielle Borgman up to the front line, a ploy he said he used to throw UCLA off-balance.

Although none of her eight corner kicks resulted in goals, Reddick more than held her own in UNC's flat-back three defense, contributing to a defensive effort that limited UCLA to three shots.
"I told her to trust the system and told

her she was a good soccer player and nobody was going to get by her," Borgman said she told Reddick prior to the game. "I have faith in her, and I just let her know that when we put her back

there, everything's going to be OK."
Things weren't OK for UNC, howev er, in the 54th minute when a collision between Reddick and Branam led to the Irish's only goal and lead of the game.

But rather than get down on herself and succumb to frustration, Reddick remained poised. She served a cross in the 83rd minute that glanced off an Irish

defender for the game-winning, own-goal.

"When it happened, I was really upset," Reddick said of the collision. "But I think that playing in this program, you get a lot of mental toughness. So because of that, I was able to keep playing, and I didn't get emotional out of it. I think if I had, it would have been downhill."

Probably. But everything's looking up

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According to the report, Baddour flew to New Orleans on Saturday morn-The Saints played Denver on

Sunday at the Louisiana Superdome.
Bunting, 50, is in his first season as the Saints linebackers coach. He played at North Carolina from 1968-71.

According to The News & Observer, Ole Miss athletics director John Shafer granted Baddour permission to speak with Cutcliffe.

"But I am confident – certain – we're not losing David," Shafer told The News & Observer. "He'll still be coach-

ing Ole Miss next season."

Efforts to reach Cutcliffe and Shafer

on Sunday were unsuccessful. Cutcliffe, 46, took over at Ole Miss before the 1998 Independence Bowl and has been the head coach for two seasons. Cutcliffe has compiled a 16-8 record in that time. The Rebels are 7-4 this year and are headed to the Music City Bowl

in Nashville, Tenn., on Dec. 28. Cutcliffe spent 16 years at Tennessee before being named the head coach at Ole Miss in December 1998. He served as the Volunteers' offensive coordinator from 1992-98. He signed a four-year deal at Mississippi worth \$1.6 million.

### **Bowl Notes**

The bowl picture was finalized Sunday, and North Carolina was left on the outside looking in. Virginia received the ACC's fifth bowl invitation and will play in the Oahu Bowl against Georgia.

Two bowls with an at-large bid also declined to pick UNC. Nevada-Las Vegas and Arkansas will meet in the Las Vegas Bowl, and Fresno State will play dis Forse in the Silsen Vellez (Designation). Air Force in the Silicon Valley Classic

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# Women's Basketball Falls to Fighting Irish

From Staff and Wire Reports

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Notre Dame's Niele Ivey scored all but two of her 18 points in the decisive first half as the No. 4 Irish beat the North Carolina women's basketball team 78-55 Sunday in the Elite 4 Holiday Classic.

North Carolina (3-3) was led by forward LaQuanda Barksdale's 14 points. Barksdale was held to 6-of-24 shooting, but she did have 17 rebounds. UNC received a bad break early in

the game when guard Juana Brown appeared to injure her right knee while trying to block a shot. She was carried off the court and did not return, but her injury was not believed to be serious.

### Wrestling Earns 13th Place

LAS VEGAS - The UNC wrestling squad earned a 13th place finish at the Las Vegas Invitational on Saturday.

Tar Heels finished competition with 63.5 points. Illinois won the tournament with 140 points.

JohnMark Bentley was the highest-placing Tar Heel with a third-place finish in the 149-pound weight class. Bentley defeated Cedric Hayman of

Cal-Poly 2-0 to take third-place honors. Chuckie Connor finished fourth in the 125-pound weight division. Connor fell to Georgia's Shawn Williams 7-3 in his final match. Corey Bell defeated Cornell's Jim Stanec at 174, good for

**UNC Sweeps Virginia Tech** 

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Continuing a

# ON THE ROAD

strong start to the season, the North Carolina swimming and diving teams beat Virginia Tech on Saturday in War Memorial Pool.

The ninth-ranked UNC women won 178-106, and the No. 14 UNC men were victorious 186-111.

The men set pool records in eight events: the 200 medley relay, 1,000 freestyle, 50 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 200 breaststroke, 200 freestyle relay, 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke.

On the women's side, UNC fresh-

man Becky Acker set a pool record in the 200 breast with a time of 2 minutes,

### **Track Teams Find Success**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - The UNC men and women's track teams kicked off their indoor seasons with a preseason meet at the Christopher Newport University meet held Friday and Saturday.

won the 60-meter hurdles in a time of 8.56. Ola Sesay took the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 10 inches, and Shannon Burns won the triple jump for UNC

with a leap of 39-11.

The UNC women also did well in the pole vault, as freshmen Laura Risi (11-6) and Rebecca Post (10-6) placed first and

third, respectively.

For the men, Brent Callaway captured first in the pole vault.

### **MEN'S SOCCER** From Page 10

"I took my eye off my man for two seconds and watched the ball. Robinson said. "And they scored a goal, and that's the way it is, especially at this level against Indiana. You can't watch the ball - they're just too good." The goal was in stark contrast to a

avy, plodding first half. UNC

before the break as both teams dealt with the rain-soaked condition of the But the Indiana goal sparked an offensive revival in the Tar Heels. Much as he did in first- and second-round matches, Bolowich inserted 6-foot-5 Matt Laycock and 6-3 Ryan Kneipper to try to play a more direct game of sending flank passes into the penalty

and Indiana combined for six shots

area.
"I thought they sent their basketball team out there in the last 20 minutes,' said Indiana coach Jerry Yeagley, who won his 494th career match. "They just kept getting bigger and bigger, and we

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didn't have any answers to their size. When they play direct to those big guys, you just have to hang on. And that's what we did."

Indiana did hang on, barely. In the 63rd minute, Hoosier goalkeeper Colin Rogers made a lunging save at the left post to stop a Chris Carrieri head ball. In the 70th minute, the Tar Heels had

another chance to tie the match, but Lavcock's header from 4 yards out was cleared from the goal line by Indiana midfielder Tyler Hawley. For the rest of the match, UNC continued to have opportunities against a bunkered Hoosier defense that featured

ght or nine players behind the ball. The Tar Heels had eight corner kicks, all of which came in the second half. "I was convinced that we would score," Bolowich said. "I was convinced that we would pull it out. The chances we did create were legitimate chances

right in front of the goal."

Laycock had perhaps the Tar Heels' best opportunity to score with less than

three minutes left. He settled a Bucy pass near the penalty mark, but his straight-on shot from 8 yards out sailed over the Indiana goal.

'(Indiana is) not interested in opening up and playing an entertaining match at this point in the season – they're looking for the result," Bolowich

"They were looking for the one or two chances where we wouldn't be pay-ing attention or when we would be unbalanced defensively. And they got that, and they made the most of it.

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