



Penn State Knocks UNC Out Of 2nd Round in Tournament

North Carolina coach Matt Doherty (left) led his team to a 82-74 loss to Penn State in the second round in the NCAA Tournament. The Tar Heels turned the ball over 22 times, which gave the Nittany Lions 17 points. In his last game for the Tar Heels, sophomore guard Joseph Forte was held to a season-low six points.

Forte, Haywood Lead Tar Heels, Upset No. 2 Duke

Center Brendan Haywood broke an 83-83 tie on free throws with 1.2 seconds remaining in the contest.

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DURHAM, FEB. 2 – North Carolina entered Thursday night's game against No. 2 Duke facing questions about its foul shooting. The Tar Heels had made just 63.8 percent of their attempts, the worst mark in the ACC.

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How appropriate that they would have to slay that dragon before knocking off Duke, their worst nemesis.

Center Brendan Haywood, UNC's second-worst foul shooter (48.6 percent) among the team's regulars, broke an 83-83 tie by sinking a pair of free throws with 1.2 seconds left in the game.

When Chris Duhon's desperation heave from halfcourt clanged off the iron, the Tar Heels had secured their first win against Duke in six tries.

"To be a senior, to come in here undefeated and to hit the free throws, I couldn't have written a better script," Haywood said.

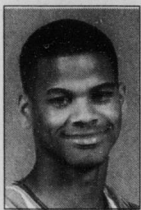
The Blue Devils were doing plenty of writing of their own in the second half. With his team trailing 83-80, Duke swingman Mike Dunleavy canned a

3-pointer from the right wing with 3.9 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Well, not so fast with that last part.

After a UNC timeout, Joseph Forte took a pass on the run down the right sideline. He skipped the ball across the court to Haywood, who collided with Duke forward Shane Battier.

Foul on Battier. He was disqualified, and Haywood was in position to be a



Sophomore guard Joseph Forte shot 10 of 18 from the floor and also pulled down 16 rebounds.

hero. "You'd like to see something with a shot," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of the call that sent Haywood to the line. "But they see it, and they call it. We're big boys."

The game's ending was a cruel irony for Duke (19-2, 7-1 in the ACC), which entered the contest second in the league in foul shooting at 72.2 percent. The Blue Devils made just 13 of their 27 free throws against the Tar Heels.

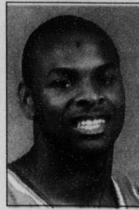
Point guard Jason Williams, a 74.4-percent foul shooter, was 4 for 10.

"It was one of those days where everything snowballed," said Duke guard Nate James, a 81.5 percent foul shooter who was 2-for-4. "It was just a nightmare out there. We're just so used to going to the free-throw line and knocking them down."

The Blue Devils also shot less than their best from long range. Duke fired up 35 3-pointers and made 12 – a fine number for many teams – but not for a unit that had hit 42.6 percent for the year.

Duke fell behind because its shots weren't falling. It shot 33 percent in the first half.

That changed after halftime, and Duke took the lead 55-53. Battier, who finished with 15 points, rallied from a 1-for-8 first half to



Senior center Brendan Haywood entered UNC's game against Duke a 48.6-percent foul shooter.

spark the comeback. He knocked down three 3-pointers in the second half.

But the Tar Heels were up to the challenge, retaking the lead, thanks to three layups by Ronald Curry, and held on.

The Tar Heels, the guys who couldn't shoot free throws, made 11 of their last 12 to end the game.

It was a fitting ending, especially for Haywood, who had never won at Duke.

"I said a little prayer when Brendan was at the foul line," Doherty said. "There's not a young man who works any harder at his game than Brendan. He's been scrutinized a lot for his foul shooting. For him to hit those two shots, he deserved that."

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Peach Bowl Berth Ends UNC's Year

After starting their season 0-3, the North Carolina football team won seven of its last nine games to earn a postseason bid.

By RACHEL CARTER
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DEC. 3 – With 2:39 left on the clock, the chant was going strong. "Peach Bowl, Peach Bowl" rang out from the student sections of Kenan Stadium as North Carolina's football team capped off its victory against Southern Methodist on Saturday.

Chancellor James Moeser walked around the sidelines with a small but detailed peach pin and shook hands with the three Peach Bowl executives attending Saturday's game.

And when the game was over, Moeser and the Peach Bowl officials climbed on a makeshift stage with UNC Director of Athletics Dick Baddour, defensive end Julius Peppers, other players and the man of the hour, first-year coach John Bunting, to announce that North Carolina will be playing in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl in Atlanta's Georgia Dome on Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. The game will air on ESPN.

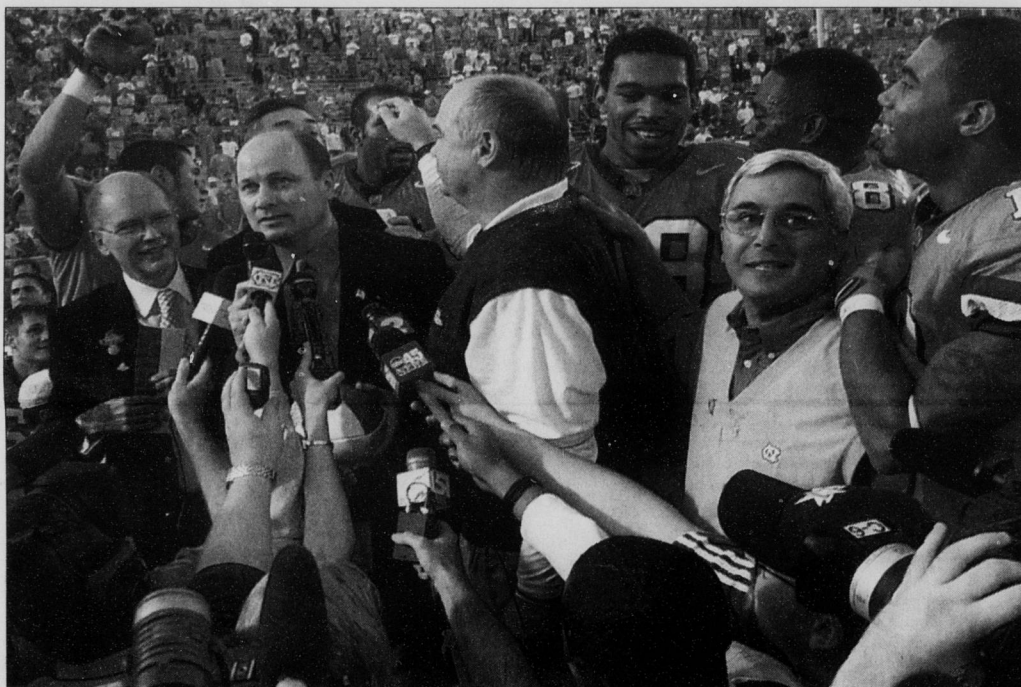
"This is an outstanding selection for us," said Gary Stokan, the bowl's president. "Carolina has all the elements we're looking for to create another great bowl game."

Last year, the Peach Bowl sold out its 73,614 tickets for the game between Georgia Tech and Louisiana State. North Carolina fans can get their tickets through the UNC Department of Athletics or from the Peach Bowl Web site.

Tickets through the University go on sale 8 a.m. Monday at the Smith Center. Students need to bring a UNC ONE Card to the box office and might purchase as many of the \$55 tickets as they want. The University gets 20,000 tickets from the Peach Bowl but can get more if it sells out. UNC Director of Ticket Operations Clint Gwaltney said he expects the University to sell 20,000 to 25,000 tickets.

"We need as many people to go down and sit in the Carolina section as possible," said Gwaltney, who added that UNC has an advantage because fans have more time to buy tickets than the Southeastern Conference school UNC will face.

A ticket package being offered by UNC student Burgess



Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl President Gary Stokan, between UNC Chancellor James Moeser (left) and football coach John Bunting, officially invites the Tar Heels to a Dec. 31 game against an SEC team at the Georgia Dome.

Foster also is on sale. There are two plans, one with travel arrangements to Atlanta and one without.

Going to the Peach Bowl guarantees the University a healthy payout. Last year, Georgia Tech and LSU each received a record \$1.8 million payoff for their game. It also is the last bowl game of the year and is the only game being played at the time.

North Carolina will not know which of four

SEC teams it will play in the bowl until Dec. 9. Stokan said UNC's possible opponents are Auburn, Georgia, LSU and South Carolina. Which team wins the SEC Championship Game and how many SEC teams are selected for Bowl Championship Series games will factor into which SEC team will face UNC.

While the Tar Heels will pay close attention to how the SEC shakes out, for now they are basking in the glow of winning seven of their

last nine games and earning themselves one more contest.

Bunting said, "It's a great bowl game, and I think there's no better team than the University of North Carolina in its class and in its tradition to go down there and playing a big ballgame on New Year's Eve."

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Men Win 1st NCAA Soccer Title

North Carolina's defense stymied favored Indiana, and UNC was able to take home its first championship.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio, DEC. 21 – Her name figured to be mentioned, at least once, after one of the practically unbelievable wins during the past weeks.

She had seemingly smiled on the North Carolina men's soccer team from nearly the beginning of its run to the 2001 N C A A

College Cup Championship and even saw the Tar Heels through three straight overtime victories – including a four-overtime comeback win against Stanford in the national semifinal.

But fate wasn't brought up at all this weekend. In her place stood determination, confidence and experience.

And with those influential allies, UNC not only advanced to its first national title game, but it beat favorite Indiana to capture the program's first College Cup crown.

Led by an early goal, a stifling defense and a late penalty-kick score, UNC denied the Hoosiers their sixth title Sunday, winning 2-0 before 7,113 at Columbus Crew Stadium.

"If we got to the final four and had lost to Stanford, people could've said, 'We've had a good season; it's been a great ride,'" Jackson said. "But we knew we had the ability, and we had the drive and the determination and the character to pull it through."

In the game's 12th minute, UNC midfielder Grant Porter chipped a pass down the right sideline to a breaking Matt Crawford. Crawford ran to the ball and lofted a cross toward the six-yard box.

The 6-foot-3 Ryan Kneipper sprinted alongside Indiana's John Swann toward the incoming ball, but Hoosier goalkeeper Colin Rogers called off Swann and attempted to out-jump Kneipper.

But Kneipper beat Rogers to the ball, and when the Indiana keeper tried to snatch the ball out of the air, Kneipper headed it into the back of the IU net.

"I thought the first goal was crucial," said Indiana coach Jerry Yeagley. "I didn't think they could hold the lead and hold up with extra people back, but they did, and more credit to them."

In the second half, IU had just one shot. UNC's flat-back, three-man defensive zone was bolstered by Bolowich's decision to bring several midfielders behind the ball, which gave the Hoosiers little opportunity to move freely in their offensive third.

And in the game's 75th minute, the Tar Heels' countered to put the game out of Indiana's reach. Marcus Storey broke free on a run up the middle of the field and blew by Indiana defender Josh Rife, who fouled Storey in the penalty box.

Jackson then stepped up to take the penalty kick and blasted a bullet to the top left corner of the net to add to the lead.

"Absolutely amazing," Jackson said. "You couldn't write a better story."

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Women's Basketball Falls in ACC Tourney

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GREENSBORO, MARCH 5 – The North Carolina women's basketball team had a big game Saturday at the Greensboro Coliseum.

But the seventh-seeded Tar Heels didn't play big in their 75-57 loss to second-seeded Clemson in a quarterfinal game of the ACC Tournament. UNC handled eighth-seeded Georgia Tech 79-64 on Friday in a first-round matchup.

"They just pretty much manhandled us," said UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell, whose team likely lost its last hope of an NCAA invite with the early exit. "When you get to tournament time, usually the team that's most physical is the one that's going to advance and move on." Manhandle the Tigers did.

Clemson outscored North Carolina 40-18 in the paint, outrebounded the Tar Heels 44-38, outdid them 15-8 on the offensive board and outscored them 15-6 in second-chance points.

The Tigers (20-8) did such damage despite the fact that second-team All-ACC center Erin Bathth played just 16 minutes before fouling out with 7:40 remaining in the game.

The 6-foot-4 senior hit one of seven

shots, scored three points and collected six rebounds before departing.

No matter. Four of her teammates (Julie Aderhold, Nuria Forns, Marci Glenney and Krystal Scott) picked up at least six boards apiece.

"Erin Bathth means so much to our team, and she was limited on her playing time today," Clemson coach Jim Davis said. "I told her, and I told the team that that proves it's a team game. 'We were able to pick her up on a bad day.'"

UNC (15-14) couldn't say the same about its center.

Candace Sutton found a very similar fate as Bathth's. The 6-6 freshman was severely limited by foul trouble. She picked up her fourth foul with 15:51 left in the contest, limiting her to 17 minutes, seven points and four rebounds.

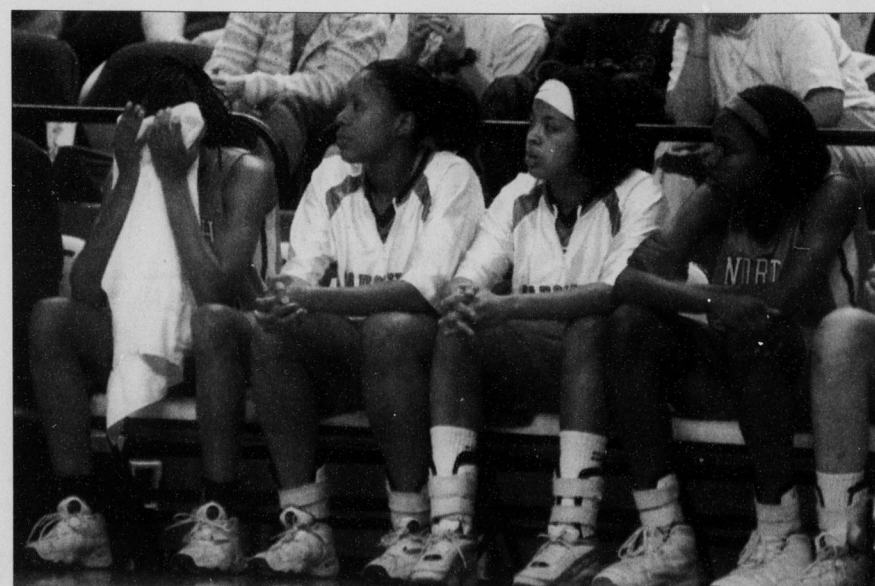
But Sutton's teammates didn't provide the same relief that Bathth's did, particularly in the first half when Clemson gained a 35-22 advantage.

Senior LaQuanda Barksdale, whose silky smooth touch led to 25 points Friday, went 2 for 11 in Saturday's first half.

It was a particularly ugly 2 for 11 that included a jumper that hit the glass and nothing else, a scoop shot rejected by the underside of the backboard, an airball and two missed layups.

She found her touch later to finish with 16 points and 11 rebounds, but the damage had been done.

Meanwhile, the Tigers, who lost to



Senior forward LaQuanda Barksdale (left) went 2 of 11 in the first half of her last game in a North Carolina uniform. Clemson knocked the Tar Heels out of the ACC Tournament, and UNC did not receive a NCAA bid.

UNC by a point twice in the regular season, got their revenge. "It was just something everybody had

on their minds," Floyd said. "Wanting to play Carolina again and show them that we're a better team."

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