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BLUE STREAK

NORTH CAROLINA DROPS 6TH STRAIGHT TO BLUE DEVILS, 5TH STRAIGHT OVERALL

By KELLY LUSK / Senior Writer

DURHAM — The North Carolina men's basketball team came out loose Wednesday in Cameron Indoor Stadium, laughing and egging on the Cameron crazies during warmups.

Rashad McCants even lay down in the middle of the court, stretching out across the blue "D" while the fans screamed at him to get off their logo.

But in the end, the Blue Devils were the ones smiling and raising their arms to the sold-out crowd as Duke downed the Tar Heels 83-74.

"We've been getting better," said UNC coach Matt Doherty. "But it's been tough losing these games."

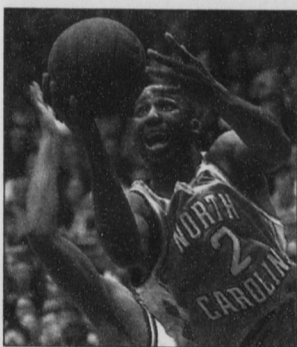
The Tar Heels showed improvement throughout the first half, shooting almost 67 percent from the field and playing perhaps their most physical defense yet this year. Six 3-pointers helped UNC (11-10, 2-6 in the ACC) enter the break leading Duke (15-3, 5-3) by five, 43-38.

And even though McCants was the most ornery Tar Heel before the game, UNC's offensive spark came from Durham native David Noel. Noel, making only his second career start, scored nine first-half points, including a rim-rattling, one-handed slam dunk to silence the 9,314 in attendance.

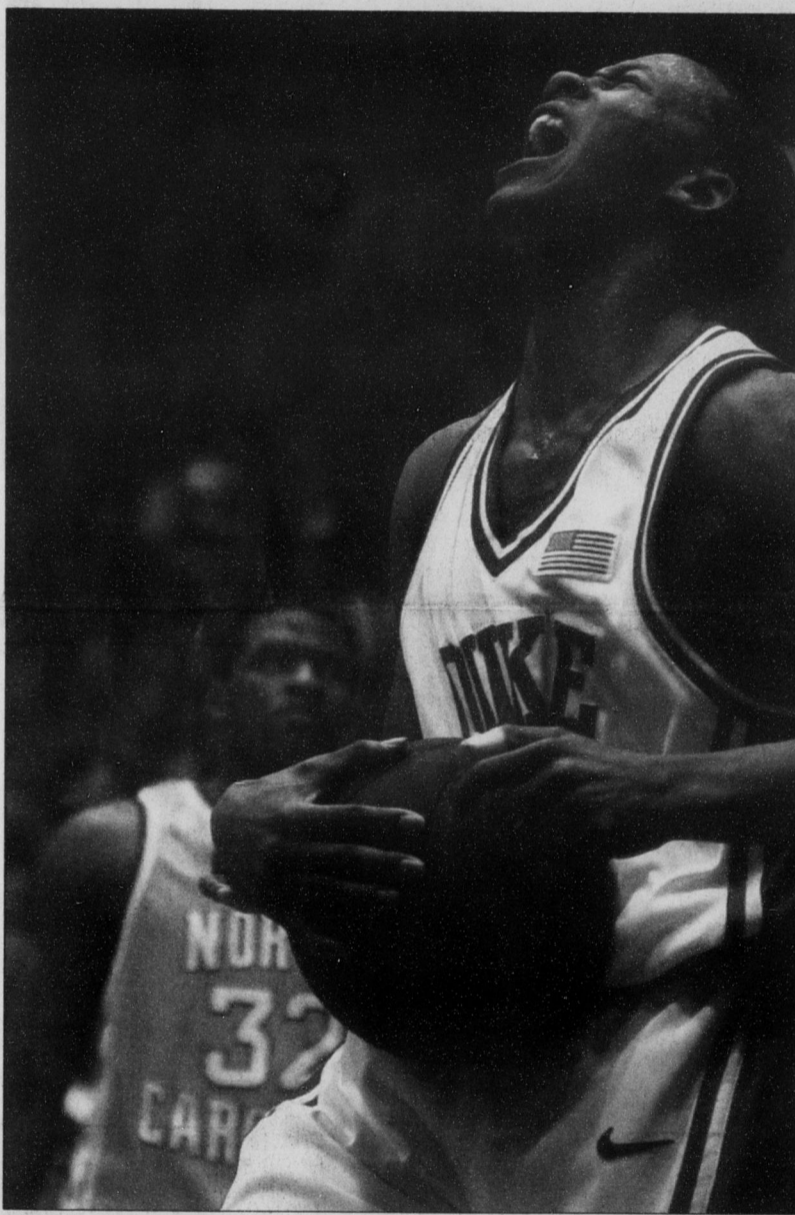
"(Playing at Duke) was different," said Noel, who scored a career-high 19 points. "It was almost like coming back to play in a high school game."

This definitely was no high school game, and the Cameron crazies certainly lived up to their namesake.

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Raymond Felton led UNC with 25 points in a losing effort against Duke on Wednesday.



Duke's Sean Dockery (right) unleashes a victory cry as UNC's Rashad McCants expresses his disappointment. McCants was held to a career-low two points in the Tar Heels' loss Wednesday.

DTH PHOTOS / BRIAN CASSELLA



DTH GABI TRAFENBERG

Jim Black (left), D-Mecklenburg, and Richard Morgan, R-Moore, were voted co-speakers on the ninth ballot.

Co-speakers Deal Ends Weeklong Deadlock

By ELYSE ASHBURN
State & National Editor

RALEIGH — The N.C. House ushered in a historic form of leadership Wednesday, electing co-speakers after nine ballots and a week of negotiations.

Twenty-nine Republicans banded with all 60 Democrats to elect Democrat Jim Black and Republican Richard Morgan co-speakers of the evenly divided House.

The 89-31 vote made history, marking the start of the first ever power-sharing arrangement in North Carolina and ending what was the state's longest — and, some say, most contentious — House speaker race.

Black, who presided over the House during the last two terms, was the Democrats' obvious choice for the post. Five dissident Democrats had said they would not support his selection as co-speaker but voted with the party Wednesday.

Morgan had been the outside candidate, consistently receiving only five of the Republicans' votes as opposed to the 55 garnered by caucus nominee George Holmes, R-Yadkin. But when it became clear early Wednesday that Black was not willing to share power with Holmes, Republicans began to shift their alliances.

Black and Morgan took the oath of office simultaneously. Afterward, Morgan yielded the floor to veteran speaker Black. "This may have been the most contentious speaker race ever," Black said. "But it is time for us to move beyond this speaker election."

He lauded bipartisan cooperation but con-

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"This is going to be a tough session. But in spite of that difficulty, I think this could be one of the best sessions in state history."

JIM BLACK
Co-speaker

DUHON'S DAY

Duhon Bounces Back With Clutch Play Down Stretch

By IAN GORDON
Senior Writer

DURHAM — With 1:55 to go Wednesday night, his team up by seven, Chris Duhon leaned over press row at Cameron Indoor Stadium and picked up a writer's pen.

He looked down at the reporter's notebook, smiled and tapped the paper with the pen.

So many storylines. So much to tell. Chris, your thoughts?

"When I picked up the pen, I just wanted to make sure he was writing

something positive about me," Duhon quipped. "If he wasn't, I was going to scratch it out."

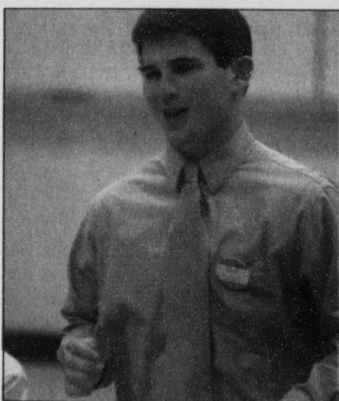
It's been that kind of a season for Duhon, Duke's much-maligned junior point guard.

And on the night his former back-court-mate, Jay Williams, had his number retired, Duhon found himself on the bench when Duke and North Carolina tipped off Wednesday.

During the past five games, Duhon had struggled mightily. He hit just 8 of

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Cherry Wins GLBTSA Endorsement



Nathan Cherry received the GLBTSA's endorsement for student body president.

By ARMAN TOLENTINO
Staff Writer

In an informal setting inside 209 Manning Hall on Wednesday night, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered-Straight Alliance endorsed Nathan Cherry for student body president.

At their first meeting of the semester, GLBTSA members listened to the four student body president candidates describe their platforms and participated in a question-and-answer session about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer issues, moderated by GLBTSA Activism Co-chairwoman Reena Arora.

"Cherry took a lot of initiative and was able to make a point on issues unprompted," Arora said. "He's the only one that would be able to stand up in groups of conflicting interest and to the administration."

Members were most concerned with the LGBT resource center, a potential sexuality studies program and the University's climate toward the LGBTQ community.

"We've got a long way to go," Cherry said. "It's gotten to a point where it's a shame when people call other people names."

Matt Tepper reflected on the campus climate with a more positive perspective. "The climate on this campus can definitely be improved," Tepper said. "That comes from diverse interaction."

Sang Shin echoed Tepper's response. "I think the climate is getting better," Shin said. "During my time as an orientation leader, we performed a skit which dealt with issues involving sexual preferences. We ended up getting a good response from students."

But Alice Newton, GLBTSA co-chairwoman, agreed with Cherry's argument. "It's going to be a long process, and they need to be realistic," Newton said. "Nathan understood the limitations but was still willing to put in the time to get the ball rolling."

Cherry also appealed to GLBTSA members when he addressed the recent controversy over the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. On Dec. 31, Chancellor James Moeser officially recognized IVCF as a student organi-

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Sports Clubs Give Tepper 3rd SBP Endorsement

By LYNNE SHALLCROSS
Staff Writer

The Sports Club Council endorsed student body president candidate Matt Tepper on Wednesday after he pledged to make club sports a priority on his student wish list.

Derek Cool, Sports Club Council president, said the group's members chose Tepper because his platform is the best for both the short- and long-term goals of the organization.

Each candidate — Nathan Cherry, Ben Pickett, Sang Shin, Tepper and write-in candidate Dan Pickel — was given four minutes to share his platform before the forum was opened up for questions.

Each candidate answered the first question, but the second and third questions mainly were fielded by Cool and Tepper.

Candidates Cherry, Pickett and Shin said after the forum that they did not think that they were treated fairly in the question-and-answer session.

"It was very interesting for (Cool) to field the questions and speak to the wish list in a very favorable man-

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Candidate Matt Tepper gained the support of the Sports Clubs Council on Wednesday night.

The darkest hour is just before the dawn.

Proverb