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UNC loses momentum late

Poor shot selection dooms Tar Heels

BY CHRIS GILFILLAN

SISTANT SPORTS EDITOR DURHAM — With seven seconds left in the first half, Duke forward Iciss Tillis followed a North Carolina miss and streaked down the floor with no one in front of her and her team up 38-27. The only thing that could have

stopped her — an unforgiving rim - did.

The muffed shot sent a subtle message to the UNC women's basketball team: although they had a large margin in front of them, they still could muster a comeba

UNC came out after halftime recharged and tied the game at 54 on an Ivory Latta 3-pointer with nearly eight minutes left to play. But that trey was the last field

later, Duke guard Lindsey Harding nailed a 3-pointer. And with that, the momentum shifted back to the Blue Devils and the near-packed crowd at Cameron Indoor Stadium knew it.

Ironically, Tillis finished the Blue Devils' 25-3 run at the end of the game with a big block followed

by a quick layup with seven sec-onds left in the game. "We got defensive stops," said Duke guard Alana Beard. "Any time you want to get a run, you

have to make defensive stops." After the Harding 3, Duke never looked back. For the next seven minutes, the Blue Devils seemed like the only team on the floor.

Throughout, the normally aggressive Tar Heels were getting beat on the boards. The advantage came from the inside strength of Duke centers Mistie Bass and Monique Currie, who combined for 21 rebounds and 32 points.

After the momentum shift, the Tar Heels steered helplessly out of control. They missed their next 12 shots, and shot two for five from the stripe.

"They were all over us with the pressure," said UNC guard Leah Metcalf. "With shooting, the pres-sure got to us a little bit."

For the second game in a row, the Tar Heels shot a season low,

29.4 percent this time. bound UNC had not shot under 30 per-

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The victory was Duke's 10th The victory was bulkes form straight against the Tar Heels and its 47th straight win in ACC play. The play of Latta and forward Nikita Bell were the few highlights

for UNC.

Bell notched her first doubledouble of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Although she shot only 7-for-21 from the field to tally 17 points,

took a stunning 2-0 lead on the Tar Heels in the ACC quarterfi-

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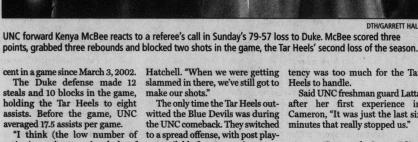
and pinpoint accuracy on set pieces made every free kick within 50 yards a dangerous situation for

opposing teams. And it was Reddick who drove a

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nals.



Latta dazzled the crowd with her crossover moves and tough pene-

er," Goestenkors said. "Anytime you have a freshman point guard they are going to make some mistakes,

the second session to chip away at the deficit and eventually tie the game at 48 with 10:50 to go. Despite tying the game again at

minute stretch.

end, Latta said. From now on, we just need to play the whole 40 min-utes instead of playing 34 or 35 minutes because that's not going to help us at all."

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tency was too much for the Tar Heels to handle. Said UNC freshman guard Latta after her first experience in Cameron, "It was just the last six

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MEN'S HOOPS me last year at Georgia Tech.

Even Williams the hard-to-please was satisfied with the McCants' defense.

"I'll tell you something that sur-prised me," Williams said. "I felt Rashad McCants' defensive play in the first half — I told him it was

the first halt – 1 told nim it was the best defense he's ever even dreamed, much less played." At least as big was the second-half performance of May and point guard Raymond Felton. While a balanced attack that allowed North Carolinea to huild a 14-point lead at Carolina to build a 14-point lead at halftime, May and Felton were the only Tar Heels to have any offensive success after the break

May camped out in the low post and abused Tech big men Luke Schenscher and Anthony McHenry. The UNC center ended up with 28 points on 11-of-20 shooting.

"I think it was a combination of Sean May being a very talented inside scorer and I think our guys need to do a better job fighting for inside position," said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt.

Felton displayed the scoring mindset that has been absent most of the season, as he has concentrated on distributing the ball. Felton attacked the basket time after time, finishing with a seasonhigh 25 points to go along with nine assists and just two turnovers.

"There's a lot of stuff I've been thinking - I'm being too tentative, I'm relying on setting the offense up," Felton said. "Coach told me he wanted me to attack.

"I just got it in my mind that I was going to push it, and that's the way I'm going to play from here on." Georgia Tech point guard Jarrett Jack also created havoc in the lane, weaving and bobbing his way to 22 points, but his team-

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to hit one of two free throws.

Other players weren't so lucky. Two seconds into the second half, Raymond Felton went down, clutching his left knee. After icing

the knee, he was sent back out from the bench 53 seconds later. Then, with 18:32 to play, Jawad Williams was smacked in the face

Tech forward Clarence Moore. Williams went to the floor in pain, clutching his face. As Williams was helped from the floor by three teammates and a trainer, blood from his nose had to be mopped up. Williams, who sustained a con-

cussion during UNC's Dec. 28 win at UNC-Wilmington but contin-ued to play, didn't return.

"He was quiet the whole time," said UNC point guard Felton. "Jawad is a quiet person, really doesn't say too much. He's definitely happy we won the game. He's just probably upset he's got a broken nose."

Whether or not Williams' nose is broken or if he has suffered another concussion will be determined by Monday's X-rays. That says a lot to me when at

UNC-Wilmington, I asked him a couple questions, he was forgetting plays, forgetting who he was guarding," said UNC center Sean May. "Hopefully it wasn't too bad, and he'll be able to go on

mates were abysmal offensively in the second half. The Yellow Jackets shot just 37 percent and made 2 of 12 treys after the break. The Tar Heels just kept attack-ing, even after Tech cut the lead to nine, and the rebellion was quick-

ly quelled. "I thought we had to play by far our best game of the year or we wouldn't have won tonight," Williams said. "And I think that was

by far our best game of the year." Contact the Sports Editor

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Wednesday." The injury to Williams meant increased playing time for inside players Justin Bohlander and Byron Sanders, who contributed

five and six minutes, respectively. "Tiger Woods can't go out there and start playing left-handed because he's got a hangnail," said UNC coach Roy Williams. "You've just to go out and play with what

And as the game went on, the fouls continued to pile up. Anthony McHenry fouled out with 13:04 left in the second half, Moore, who was booed consistently through the second half, fouled out with 7:39 to play. Jackie Manuel left with 6:47. And Jack, who racked up all his fouls in the second half, picked up his fifth at the 2-minute mark. In all, 30 percent of the com-

bined scoring came from free throws.

Even a cameraman couldn't void contact

Manuel stole the ball five minutes into the game and went up for a basket. Yellow Jacket forward Mario West fouled him midair, then crashed down on a camera operator, who left with a concussion.

"A lot of times people say the ACC's kind of soft," May said. "But it's hard out there.

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Suguiyama sets example for teammates in, out of pool

BY BRIANA GORMAN

Yuri Suguiyama started swim-ming when he was six years old and since then, he has never left

has achieved over the past four years, both in and out of the pool.

rocket of a penalty kick into the top corner of the goal to clinch UNC's 15th consecutive ACC title. the 400-yard freestyle relay. "She distributes the ball as well

tration into the lane. "(Latta) is an unbelievable play-

but overall she did a great job." After trailing 38-27 at the half, UNC used the first ten minutes of

assists) says that we missed a lot of shots," said UNC coach Sylvia 54 three minutes later, UNC was never able to take the lead. Duke began its game-winning run, scoring 16 unanswered points in a six-

"I just think we gave up at the end," Latta said. "From now on, we

Last race wins meet for Harvard

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BY TYLER DANCY

Tensions were high. Harvard's nen's team stood on one side of the pool, the North Carolina men's team huddled on the opposite side. Both teams chanted their respective school's names, loudly cheering on their teammates as they swam

Excitement was not exactly in hort supply Saturday at Koury s available for penetration. But in the end, Duke's consis-

minutes that really stopped us."

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as any center back in the w vorld right now," Dorrance said. "Her ability to serve the ball over distance is legendary, and that's what absolutely separates her even at the highest level."

the NCAA Tournament, In North Carolina brushed off any notions of women's soccer parity that may have existed. Reddick was selected the tournament's defensive MVP for her role in leading the Tar Heels to six consecutive shutouts.

It was that championship, not any of her moments with the U.S. National Team, that Reddick will remember most fondly.

'That was the most memorable because not only did we win it, but we dominated and that's hard to do with the parity in women's soccer these days," she said. "It was a whole lot of fun, the team was so much fun, and it was one of greatest teams I've ever played on." Like her team, Reddick will go

down among the greatest to ever play the game at North Carolina.

defensive quality that The probably separates her is to get a ball in the back and look up and ping it over distance, and that one quality is a tremendous weapon, Dorrance said. "She was an attacking weapon as well as a defensive foundation for this extraordinary team.

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Natatorium as Harvard narrowly edged No. 21 North Carolina in the final event of the day, 157-143. The Tar Heels did defeat Penn State, 172-128, earning the 499th dual-meet victory in school history. "What an exciting afternoon of

elite college swimming," said UNC coach Frank Comfort. "It was just incredible."

The Tar Heel men (4-3) trailed Penn State (2-5) for much of the day, as the Nittany Lions won seven of the first 11 events.

As a result of several strong indi-vidual performances, including a pair of wins by sophomore Josh Glasco in both 200-yard butterfly events and senior Yuri Suguiyama in both the 500- and 1,000-yard freestyle, the Tar Heels roared back to jump ahead of Penn State.

Going into the final race of the competition, the 400-yard freestyle relay, the Tar Heels trailed Harvard (4-0) by five points, 144-139.

A win in the event would have iven UNC the overall victory, but the comeback fell just short as the Tar Heel team of Suguiyama, Michael Pigassou, Eddy Matkovic and Justin Donato finished 2.38 seconds behind the Crimson team.

For the Tar Heels, senior Eric Poitras won the 1-meter diving with a score of 294.95 points, and Tristan Davidson continued his strong freshman season, winning the 200-yard individual medley.

"It's always nice to get an individual victory," said Davidson."But



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Tar Heel swimmers cheer on teammates during the 1,000-yard freestyle Saturday. UNC's Yuri Suguiyama won the event with a time of 9:22.37.

I just want to help our team.

This was our first meet back (since winter break), and we're just working on getting our feel back together as a team. We want to build momentum for the ACCs. I'm really confident we can do really well there."

The No. 13 UNC women had numerous strong performances, but ultimately fell to No. 15 Penn State, 157.5 to 142.5.

Senior Jessi Perruquet, the defending NCAA champion in the 200-yard freestyle, won three events for the Tar Heels (4-2) – the 50- and 100-yard freestyle and

her specialty, the 200-yard freestyle.

Several other Tar Heels claimed victories. Seniors Kelly Weeks won the 200-yard individual medley Becky Acker won the 200-yard but-terfly, and sophomore Lizzy Bruce

won the 200-yard breaststroke. "Give credit to a great Penn State team," Comfort said. "The superb swimming by both teams, and this is exactly what we thought it would be." women's meet featured a lot of

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the pool.

The senior co-captain captured victories in both the 1,000-yard and the 500-yard freestyle in Saturday's meet, which North Carolina eventually lost to Harvard. The score had been tight the entire meet, and the outcome was determined by the last race of the day.

"Personally, I'm pretty happy with how I swam today, but that takes the second seat of how the team did," Suguiyama said.

He registered a time of 9 minutes, 22.37 seconds in the 1,000 freestyle and 4:32.69 in the 500 freestyle to give the Tar Heels the chance to win the meet. Suguiyama was also on UNC's 400 relay team with Michael Pigassou, Eddy Matkovic and Justin Donato, which finished second.

"I thought we were mixed up today, as the results show with one win and one loss," Suguiyama said."I felt like we could've gotten two wins out of today's competition.

Winning the long-distance races is not new to Suguiyama. He has been excelling at those events since his freshman year, when he broke the North Carolina 1,000 free style record that was held by former Olympian Yann deFabrique.

That was the start of the long list of accomplishments the senior

since his first semester at the University.

"Yuri is somebody you look at and say, 'I want to be like him," said North Carolina coach Frank Comfort. "He is an excellent student."

Comfort also spoke highly of Suguiyama's character and people

"He works really hard all the time and all year round in terms of allowing himself the opportunity

to get better," Comfort said. Last year, Suguiyama was an honorable-mention All-American in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle. At the ACC championship, he also won the 200 freestyle and placed in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle.

"My personal goal is that I would like to improve on my finish at nationals from last year, score more points for the team, and be All-American again," Suguiyama

The Tar Heels, along with Suguiyama, are also looking to regain the ACC title they last won in the 1997-98 season.

"As far as the team, I want to swim all best times at the ACC," Suguiyama said. "I want to put us a position where we can improve our ranking at the end of the season and improve our standings in the ACC."

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