

Elder leads Tech to win against UNC

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ATLANTA — The last time Georgia Tech and North Carolina played, UNC's Rashad McCants said he took it as a personal challenge to stop B.J. Elder.

As the second half started in Tuesday's game between the two teams at Alexander Memorial Coliseum, neither player could stop the other, and the result was a thrilling mano-a-mano shootout for a little while.

But after McCants scored 12 straight UNC points in less than three minutes midway through the half, he all but disappeared while Elder kept rolling. The Tech swingman's 17 points in a seven-minute stretch led Georgia Tech to an 88-77 win.

"For a while there, we were going back and forth with each other," said Elder, who finished with 30 points on 9-of-16 shooting, including 7 of 12 from behind the arc. "It was all fun out there."

McCants, despite setting career highs with 31 points and seven 3s, had decidedly less fun. He was terse when a reporter asked him if he felt like he was playing H-O-R-S-E with Elder for a while.

"I wouldn't look at it that way," McCants said. "We were losing. I was just trying to provide for my team."

McCants provided very little offense in the sluggish first half, scoring just three points as UNC's starting frontcourt combined to shoot 3 for 16.

Both teams shot less than 38 percent in the defensive slugfest. Unfortunately for the Tar Heels (14-7, 4-6 in the ACC), they couldn't take advantage of their trips to the free-throw line, going just 1 for 8 from the line in the first half.

But for the second consecutive game, shooting guard Melvin Scott kept the Tar Heels afloat early. Scott scored 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting in the half but was held scoreless after the intermission.

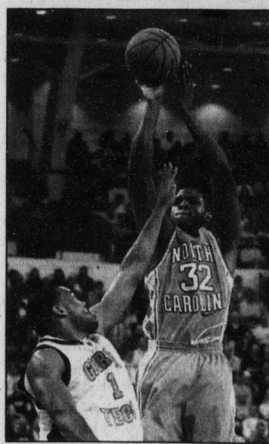
North Carolina trailed 34-29 at the break, but an 11-0 run gave the Tar Heels a 40-39 lead with 16:28 to play in the game. That's about when the Elder-McCants duel began.

The last basket in McCants' 12-point burst put the Tar Heels ahead again, 55-54, at the 11:28 mark.

It was their final lead of the game. Elder proceeded to bury two more 3-pointers, giving him five treys in his last five attempts, and the Yellow Jackets (18-5, 5-4) opened up a comfortable lead.

"He was hot," McCants said of Elder. "He was hot. At some points I had a hand all the way in his face, touching his eyes, and he just hit 'em."

North Carolina coach Roy Williams' first technical foul of the



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North Carolina swingman Rashad McCants (32), who scored 31 points in Tuesday's game, takes a shot over Georgia Tech's B.J. Elder.

year essentially sealed the Tar Heels' fate at the 4:37 mark. Williams angrily protested a non-call on Jarrett Jack's strip of Melvin Scott, claiming it should have been a foul.

Will Bynum hit both ensuing free throws, and Isma'il Muhammad brought the crowd to its feet with an incredible left-handed put-back dunk on a missed Bynum 3-pointer.

The four-point possession gave Georgia Tech an 11-point lead, which proved too much for UNC to overcome.

"Oh, he got fouled," said Williams, his voice more hoarse than it has been during his UNC

Ga. Tech 88, UNC 77

North Carolina		29	48	77
Georgia Tech		34	54	88
North Carolina (77)				
	fg	ft	rb	
Williams	26 4-9	1-2	1-6	0 1 9
McCants	33 19-20	2-4	0-5	0 1 31
May	27 2-10	5-8	3-8	0 3 9
Scott	32 4-10	0-2	0-2	5 3 10
Felton	34 3-9	1-2	1-5	8 2 8
Terry	2 0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1 0
Manuel	20 2-6	0-1	3-4	2 4 4
Noel	21 3-8	0-0	0-8	3 3 6
Sanders	5 0-0	0-0	0-0	1 1 0
Total	200 28-71	9-19	14-37	18 19 78

Percentages — FG 48.0, FT 47.4, 3-point goals — 10-25, 40.0 (McCants 7-13, Scott 2-7, Felton 1-2, Williams 0-2, Noel 0-1). Team rebounds — 3. Blocked shots — 3 (Manuel 2, McCants). Turnovers — 12 (Scott 4, Felton 2, McCants 2, Noel 2, Williams, May). Steals — 11 (Scott 4, Felton 3, May 2, Williams, McCants).

Georgia Tech (88)		34	54	88
	fg	ft	rb	
Lewis	21 3-8	5-6	0-3	1 4 14
Mohrny	10 0-0	0-0	0-1	1 3 0
Schenker	32 4-10	1-2	4-11	1 3 9
Elder	32 9-16	5-5	0-3	2 2 30
Jack	32 2-4	0-1	0-4	5 1 4
Muhammad	2-6	0-0	3-6	3 1 4
Bynum	23 4-8	6-8	0-3	1 2 17
Moore	23 2-3	4-4	1-6	3 2 10
Terver	7 0-0	0-0	0-1	1 1 0
Total	200 28-64	23-28	9-37	18 19 88

Percentages — FG 49.0, FT 82.1, 3-point goals — 13-25, 52.0 (Elder 9-17, Lewis 3-8, Moore 2-2, Bynum 1-4, Jack 0-1). Team rebounds — 2. Blocked shots — 11 (Schenker 5, Moore 3, Terver 2, Mohrny). Turnovers — 19 (Jack 4, Moore 4, Schenker 3, Lewis 2, Elder 2, Bynum 2, Muhammad 2). Steals — 7 (Jack 3, Elder, Mohrny, Moore, Bynum).

Technical fouls — UNC (Team) Attendance — 9,191.

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votes. "We're going to kick it up to a whole other level," she said, adding that they will also maintain the positive energy of their campaign.

Calabria said hard work and listening to the students helped him gain his second place finish.

"We really tried to be as inclusive as possible," he said. "Our slogan is 'Energy to Action' for a reason. That's what this is all about. It's about ideas and issues."

For West and Calabria, the work is just beginning.

West said she planned to meet with her staff after the election announcements, followed by "a good night's sleep."

Calabria said his plan was to celebrate, then rest. "I'm not going to make it to my first class (today)."

He added that he and his staff will continue to push hard, working out the kinks in their campaign. "We've got to work hard from here until we're finished."

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SENIOR CLASS

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actions after taking office will be to meet with administrators and appoint senior class marshals.

Both Frangoulis and Huntley said that they were disappointed with the outcome but that they are happy with the way they ran their campaign.

"We put everything we could into everything for this campaign," Huntley said.

"I'm a little bummed, but we tried our hardest and had a lot of support."

They both added that they want to continue to be involved with senior class activities and plan to apply to be class marshals.

"I hope they take on some of our ideas for next year," Frangoulis said. "We had a great platform."

Frangoulis said that she does not have any regrets about her campaign but that she wished the endorsement forums conducted by student organizations on campus could have been organized differently.

"Twenty-five to 35 seconds is not enough (time) to answer the questions," she said.

After the results were announced, Irvin and Frucht were quickly surrounded by supporters who clapped and offered their congratulations.

Irvin said that in addition to their campaign staff, the support of student body president candidate Lily West, who received a plurality of the vote in her race, and Carolina Athletic Association president-elect William Keith was integral to the success of her and Frucht's campaign.

Irvin said she was extremely excited about her victory but said she did not think she was going to spend a long night partying.

"We said we were going to run to Franklin Street, but I think I'm going to go to my room," she said. "I've got to call my mom."

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and then a Homecoming chair and vice chair," he said.

Once he has people in place under him, Keith said, he plans to act quickly on his most prominent platform goals.

First on his agenda is establishing a men's basketball ticket return policy, which would enable students to return student tickets they do not plan to use. These tickets will then be redistributed to students who were not fortunate enough to obtain tickets in the original distribution.

Keith said he already has lined up meetings with athletic officials to discuss the proposal.

"Once I get my Cabinet together, the first thing we'll work on is a student basketball ticket return policy," he said. "Hopefully, we'll get the ball rolling on that and have it ready to go by the fall."

Keith said he plans to celebrate the victory by getting together with student body president candidate Matt Calabria, whom he has endorsed, and relax.

Smith said he was pleased despite not being elected. He expressed interest in working with Keith next year and said the two had talked about the possibility.

"I think I got some ideas out there," he said. "Will is a good guy and will do a good job for CAA."

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tive board and to start tackling his platform issues.

During his presidency, Scott said, he plans to implement the smoking ban that is in the process of being approved by the Department of Housing and Residential Education.

He said he also plans to make the RHA more accessible to students, create a safer campus community and improve the campus living experience.

Scott said he is excited about the role he will play in representing students who live on campus.

"I can't wait to make a difference next year."

Scott is no stranger to leadership at UNC. He now serves as the vice president of RHA. During his freshman year, Scott served as a floor senator and enhancement chairman in Hinton James Residence Hall.

He continued his involvement with RHA during his sophomore year as co-governor of the Hinton James community.

Scott said he is excited about the upcoming year and the potential for the future of RHA, and he told students to anticipate an exciting year.

"Look forward to a great year and positive change."

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affairs, said the first thing she plans to do once she takes office is to form her staff.

"I've got a lot of good feedback from people on my Web site. ... Hopefully, I can recruit them to my staff," she said.

Bushman said she thinks no one else ran for the position because of the nature of the job.

"It's a very involved job," she said. "It takes someone who has experience already, especially with UNC's administration."

The position has not been contested during the last several elections.

Bushman said she is the most qualified person for the position because she has been involved in the issues that will be prevalent next fall. "I've been in touch with many students and the administration," she said.

Bushman said she will have several things in the works when she begins next fall, especially getting feedback on the recent tuition increase proposals.

She also said she wants to forge a connection with the undergraduate student body because she hopes to work with them closely.

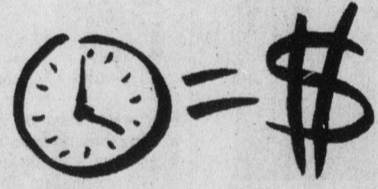
"I'm very excited," she said. "I'm hoping it's a great year."

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