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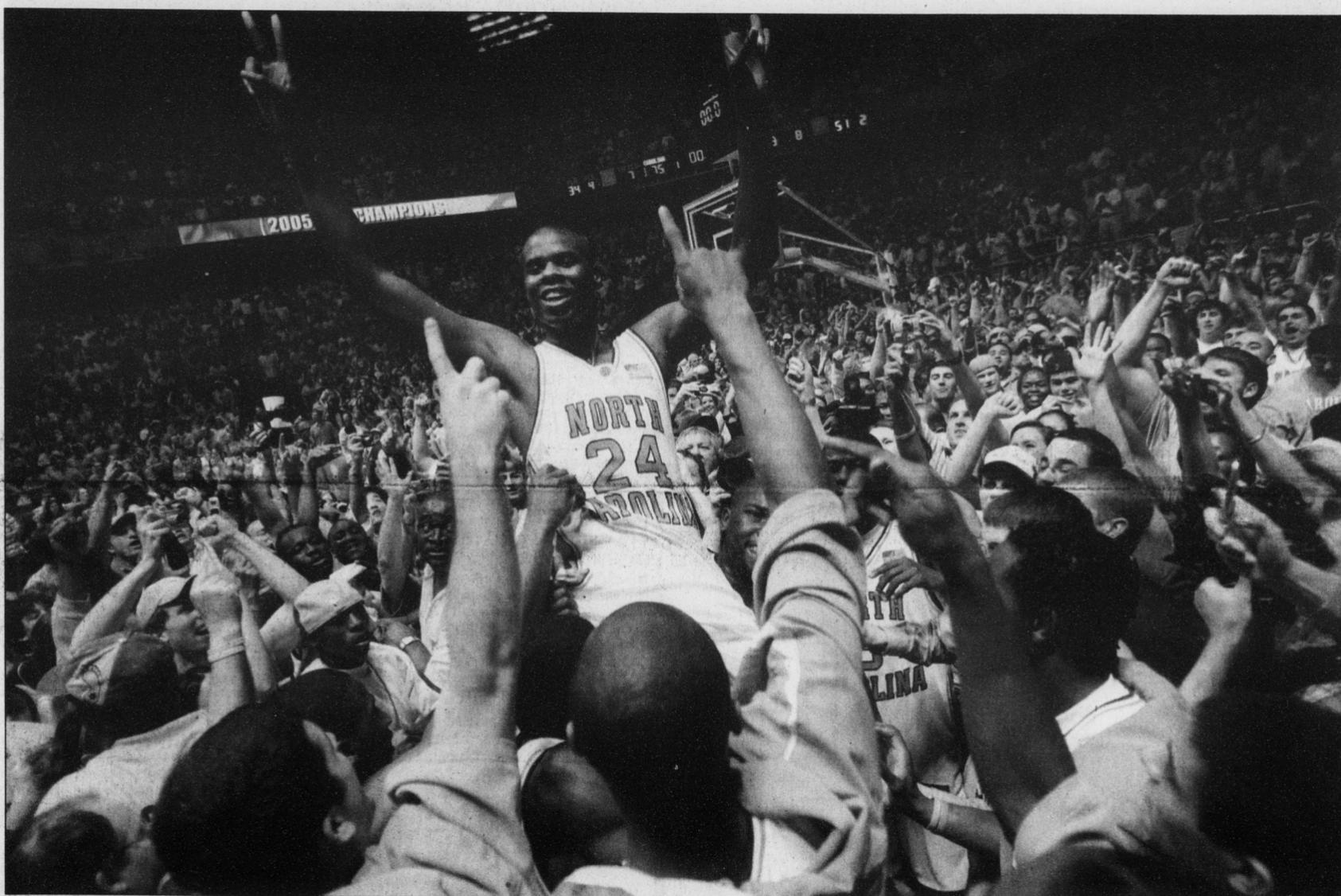
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# REDEMPTION

## UNC DEFEATS DEVILS ON WILLIAMS' DRAMATIC BUCKET



North Carolina's Marvin Williams (24) rides a wave of jubilant, powder blue-clad fans after UNC's 75-73 win against Duke on Sunday. Williams' put-back and free throw gave the Tar Heels the winning margin with 17 seconds left. DTH/LAURA MORTON

### Seniors cut down nets in triumph

BY BRIAN MACPHERSON  
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The tightly wound nylon nets once hung silently from the orange rims of the Smith Center, undisturbed save for the chaos of game action and the playful tugs of athletes eager to test their vertical leaps.

Those nets, however, no longer reside inside the storied home of the North Carolina basketball team.

Those nets have become the permanent possessions of Jackie Manuel and Melvin Scott, two of the three seniors who carried the Tar Heels from historic depths to a regular-season ACC title with an epic 75-73 victory against Duke on Sunday.

The third member of the trio, the soft-spoken but unquestioned leader of the North Carolina squad, had the option of claiming

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A fan jumps through a bonfire near Top of the Hill restaurant after UNC's downing of Duke on Sunday. Fires went up across campus and down the town's main thoroughfares as students and others raced downtown to celebrate. DTH/BRANDON SMITH

### After win, fans storm Franklin St.

BY TED STRONG  
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The flames leaped above their heads, illuminating the ringing crowd — the crowd that chanted insults and hurled obscenities about the freshly defeated enemy.

In a ring around the fire, young men, many stripped to the waist, did a devilish jig.

Their dance was fueled by the primal, percussive beat of a simple drum. From time to time, to the roaring approval of the crowd, one broke from the dance and hurled himself through the flames.

A bloody ritual in the wilderness? Of course not. This was the celebratory scene on Franklin Street on Sunday night.

Less than thirty seconds after J.J. Redick and Daniel Ewing missed consecutive desperation shots to seal the UNC men's bas-

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Check out a multimedia show honoring the Tar Heel leaders after their Senior Day defeat of Duke



#### SPORTS

##### MOVING ON

The Tar Heels defeat the Cavaliers at the last minute after coming back from a 17-point deficit **PAGE 14**

#### WEATHER

**TODAY** Partly cloudy, H 69, L 49  
**TUESDAY A.M.** showers, H 50, L 24  
**WEDNESDAY** Mostly sunny, H 47, L 28

