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Unlike in earlier festivities, during which fireworks were limited to small firecrackers, the fanfare Monday appeared to include two-inch mortars, and not all of them went straight up into the air.

"They have bad aim," remarked junior Becca Crawford after a fiery green projectile barely cleared the roofs on the north side of Franklin Street.

While Lloyd did not know exactly how many arrests had been made, he said the crowd was mostly well-mannered. "It's a large crowd, but most of them are pretty calm," he said.

Mike Topp of Orange County emergency services reported a steady stream of injuries, mainly resulting from over-consumption of alcohol and the fires.

By 1:55 a.m., EMS had seen a total of 14 patients.

Eight minutes after, police began clearing the street, and a short time later, what might be remembered as the greatest post-game jubilee in Tar Heel history was over.



Tar Heel fans celebrate the men's basketball team's victory in the crowning game of the NCAA Tournament. About 45,000 people packed six blocks downtown in the wake of the team's 75-70 victory against Illinois.

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**BASKETBALL**  
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The Illini stormed out of intermission gunning from deep, and this time the shots started going down. Thanks to the hot shooting of Deron Williams and Luther Head — who were a combined two for 15 in the first half — Illinois all but erased a 14-point UNC lead with a 15-3 run.

May held the Illini at bay, responding with 10 points and an assist on a Jawad Williams trey as UNC opened up a 65-55 lead.

"From the beginning, we knew it was tough for them to stop Sean," Manuel said of May, who scored 18 second-half points. "Their big guys were getting in foul trouble, so it would be dumb not to go into Sean."

But once again the Illini, who battled back from 15 points down with 4 minutes remaining in their regional final victory against Arizona, responded by scoring the next 10 points to level the score.

The end of the run looked to be the breaking point for UNC's title dreams. Raymond Felton, who had 17 points and seven assists to make the all-tournament team, picked up his fourth foul with 5:34 left, and when Dee Brown knocked down two tying free throws, the predominantly orange-clad crowd erupted.

"We didn't panic," Jawad Williams said. "We knew we'd been in tough situations on and off the court before, so we just went out there and made plays."

On the ensuing possession, Felton silenced the crowd with a spot-up 3 from the left wing. Still, Illinois wouldn't fade and retied the score at 70 on a 3-pointer by Head, who along with Deron Williams was named to the all-tournament team.

But that would be the last shot Illinois would hit, as the 3s the Illini relied on so heavily to make the comeback stopped falling again. Illinois misfired on 28 of 40 3-point attempts, including its final five.

"We fought back and tied it up, but they made the plays and we didn't," Deron Williams said. "They made the plays down the stretch, and we didn't."

Two possessions after Head tied the game, Rashad McCants, who scored all 14 of his points in the first half, drove baseline and missed a reverse layup — but freshman Marvin Williams swooped in for the tip that pushed UNC to the victory.

"I just play as hard as I can," Williams said. "Good things happen when you play hard — Coach always tells us that — so I give it everything

**UNC 75, Illinois 70**

Illinois	27	43	70
North Carolina	40	35	75

Illinois (70)	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
Augustine 9	0-3	0-0	1-2	0	5	0
Powell 38	4-10	0-0	8-14	1	2	9
Head 37	8-21	0-0	1-5	3	1	21
Williams 40	7-16	0-2	0-4	7	4	17
Brown 38	4-10	2-2	0-4	7	1	12
McBride 2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Carter 5	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Smith 1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ingram 30	4-9	2-2	5-7	0	4	11
<b>Total 200</b>	<b>27-70</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>16-37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>70</b>

Percentages — FG 38.6, FT 66.7, 3-point goals — 12-40 (30) (Head 5-10, Williams 3-10, Brown 2-8, Ingram 1-3, Powell 1-2, Carter 0-1). Team rebounds — 2.

Blocked shots — 1 (Head). Turnovers — 8 (Head 4, Powell 2, Augustine, Williams). Steals — 8 (Brown 3, Head 2, Powell, Williams, Carter).

North Carolina (75)	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp
J Williams 22	3-6	0-0	1-5	0	1	9
McCants 31	6-16	0-0	1-2	1	0	14
May 34	10-11	6-8	2-10	2	1	26
Felton 35	4-9	5-6	0-3	7	4	17
Manuel 18	0-1	0-2	0-3	2	4	0
Scott 13	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Terry 2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Thomas 1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
M Williams 24	4-8	0-1	3-5	0	2	8
Noel 20	0-0	1-2	1-3	0	0	1
<b>Total 200</b>	<b>27-52</b>	<b>12-19</b>	<b>8-34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>75</b>

Percentages — FG 51.9, FT 63.2, 3-point goals — 9-16 (5) (Felton 4-6, McCants 2-5, J Williams 3-4, M Williams 0-1, Scott 0-1). Team rebounds — 0. Blocked shots — 2 (J Williams, May). Turnovers — 10 (Manuel 2, Felton 2, McCants 2, M Williams 2, May, Thomas). Steals — 4 (Felton 2, McCants, J Williams).

Technical fouls — None. Attendance — 47,262.

**DEFENSE**  
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a furious second-half run by the Illini.

The Tar Heels limited Illinois to 27.0 percent shooting from the floor in the opening stanza and held the Illini to a paltry 5-of-19 showing from behind the arc. None of Illinois' big three of Deron Williams, Head or Dee Brown shot better than 33 percent in the half.

But Head and Deron Williams opened the second half scalding hot, igniting the Illini. Deron Williams hit his first four shots after the break, three of them 3-pointers, while Head nailed three of his first five from beyond the arc before clanking his last three, all taken in the final minute-and-a-half.

"I don't sit back and say, 'Oh, gosh, we're going to lose,'" said UNC coach Roy Williams. "You're just trying to do the best job you can do on that possession. They were making some big-time shots. They didn't go 37-1 by being lucky."

"We wanted to continue running, continue pushing and maybe at the end of the game, they might not have their legs — they might miss some of those shots."

UNC switched into a 1-3-1 zone toward the end of the first half in an attempt to relieve the defensive burden on Felton, who picked up his second foul only eight minutes into the game. But the Tar Heels reverted fully to man-to-man with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Illinois' inability to stop the Tar Heels prevented the Illini from taking a lead in the second half. Illinois' two big men — James Augustine and Jack Ingram — were completely ineffective

*"It all boils down to what Coach has been telling us all season: Do whatever it takes."*

**RAYMOND FELTON, POINT GUARD** against May.

The Tar Heel center forced Augustine to the bench after the Illini guard committed five fouls in just nine minutes of action.

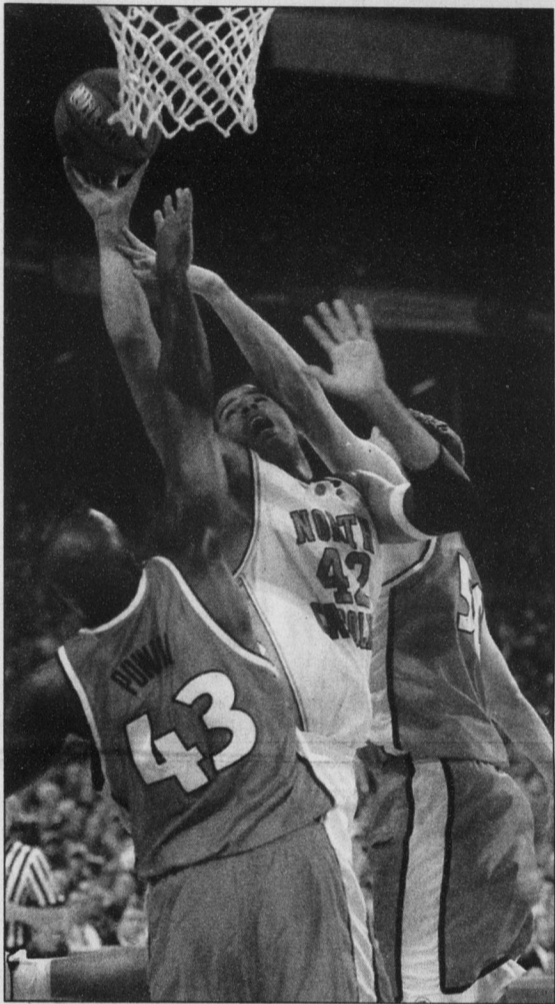
"They play really, really good defense, especially on the perimeter, but I think they extend so much it leaves a wide gap, especially when they double down," May said.

"We noticed that they double with the four/five, so we tried to have our four/five feed me. Our guards did a great job, and I got going, and they just kept feeding me."

The Illini couldn't solve May's myriad post moves. The Tar Heels managed to contest Illinois' 3-point shots and force them off-line when it mattered most.

Defense wins championships. Just ask the Tar Heels.

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North Carolina center Sean May (42) surges to the basket, despite the efforts of Illinois' Roger Powell (43) and Jack Ingram (50) in the UNC win.

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