

# Running backs earn win by an inch

## McGill, Warren pace ground attack

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For a North Carolina football team that has struggled to find a ground game all season, it was surprising Saturday against Duke that the Tar Heels found their fate in the hands of — or rather the feet of — a running back.

Down four points with less than five minutes left in the game and facing a 4th-and-inches situation after a failed quarterback keeper the play before, UNC handed the ball off to tailback Ronnie McGill.

The junior surged forward to try and get the inches he needed but didn't get far before he was wrapped up by Duke safety Chris Davis. When McGill extracted himself from the pile it was unclear at first if he had gained enough ground.

But then the referee placed the ball on the 30-yard line and, after a measurement that was almost too close to call, signaled the first down.

"When I first went down I didn't know where I was," McGill said.

"When I first saw them spotting it I thought they were spotting it short. But he came in and he adjusted it to where he figured the ball was and then I knew we had it."

Five plays later, McGill ran three yards into the end zone for the game-winning touchdown, saving the Tar Heels from an embarrassing loss to the 1-10 Blue Devils.

It was McGill's best performance of the season. He racked up 146 yards on 28 carries, along with the TD. A majority of the yards came in the first quarter as McGill sliced apart

the Duke defense for 78 yards.

"(McGill) ran so hard today," said offensive tackle Skip Seagraves. "Just having him around the team is real positive, and when you get him out there on the field, he's definitely a difference maker."

While McGill's performance wasn't all that unexpected because he is the Tar Heels' go-to running back, another tailback turned even more heads Saturday.

Sophomore Justin Warren, who saw his first career carries in Kenan Stadium, emerged as a promising young running back. Warren carried the ball four times for 43 yards, including a 31-yard sprint in the second quarter — not bad for a player who had carried the ball only 10 times before Saturday.

The duo of McGill and Warren were the only running backs to see action Saturday as Barrington Edwards did not play. Edwards and freshman Cooter Arnold had been

the primary tailbacks at the start of the season, but McGill has solidified himself as the starter after returning from a pectoral injury he suffered during the summer.

Despite churning out their second-highest rushing output of the season, the Tar Heels still need to be more consistent running the ball if they want a legitimate chance to beat Virginia Tech this weekend. The game will start at 7:45 p.m. Saturday and be televised on ESPN.

Most of UNC's ground game came in the first quarter, but after that the Blue Devils blitzed frequently, closing holes and stifling the run.

"We never stopped trying to run the ball," said UNC coach John Bunting. "We probably should have tried to keep throwing it some more. They were bringing the house to try to stop the run."

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# Tar Heels crack Liberty's bell

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North Carolina's Ivory Latta dodged a Liberty defender and put in a layup off a give-and-go from freshman Rashanda McCants.

As the crowd cheered, Latta raised her fist in triumph, then fell to the floor, favoring her right leg. As quickly as Carmichael Auditorium had filled with the noise of the crowd, the gym fell deathly silent as fans watched the UNC star point guard limp off the court.

Although Latta spent the last 10 minutes of the game watching her team from the bench with an ice pack on her leg, the No. 7 Tar Heels already had amassed a comfortable lead and cruised to an 87-36 victory against Liberty.

"Well, I really felt like they would give us a game," said UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell. "But a lot of credit to Liberty because they have some of the best plays."

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Liberty 36  
UNC 87

It took us longer to go over the scouting report yesterday than it ever does."

The Lady Flames (1-1), who reached the Sweet Sixteen last year, were overwhelmed by the Tar Heels in the lopsided victory. They didn't even score a bucket until four minutes had ticked off the clock when freshman Megan Frazee hit a 3 to put the game at 9-3.

The speed and intense defense of UNC (2-0) was on display as the Tar Heels went on a 30-6 run in the first half. Liberty could barely get the ball near the basket as North Carolina applied full-court pressure and double teams, forcing the Lady Flames to turn the ball over 24 times in the first half alone.

Liberty didn't even reach double digits until Frazee once again hit a 3-pointer with roughly six minutes left to play in the first half.

"I thought we had some good defensive intensity, especially to start the game," Hatchell said. "We worked on our traps a little bit and our rotations and all. We're starting to anticipate a little better and not react but anticipate ahead of time."

The Tar Heels dominated the game throughout the first half, limiting Liberty to only five field goals. Hatchell said she especially was pleased by her team's intensity in diving for loose balls and grabbing 17 steals in the first half.

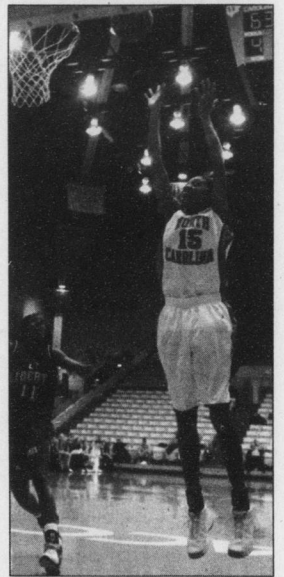
Despite being down 49-19 at halftime, Liberty came out of the locker room fired up — the Tar Heels didn't score a field goal until nearly three minutes had elapsed.

"I could tell when we first started that we were a little laid back and slack but we started to pick it up as time progressed," said Latta about the slow start to the second half.

UNC fought through its sloppy play, going 29-for-33 from the free throw line and continued its domination. The tenacious Tar Heel defense only allowed Liberty to shoot 18.9 percent from the field.

Despite the huge margin of victory, UNC only out-rebounded Liberty by 10 boards, and Hatchell noted it was something her team needed to work on.

But the Lady Flames, who started two sophomores and two freshmen, were shocked by the quick-



North Carolina freshman Christina Dewitt (15) soars for the ball during UNC's 87-36 shellacking of Liberty on Tuesday night in Carmichael Auditorium.

**UNC 87, Liberty 36**

Liberty	19	17	36
North Carolina	49	38	87

**Liberty (36)**

min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
Pirkowicz 22	1-2	1-2	0-1	0	2	3	
Lighthoot 26	2-6	0-1	3-5	1	1	4	
Fraze Mezz 32	3-13	5-6	7-15	0	1	13	
Watkins 19	1-5	1-2	0-1	1	3	4	
Fasnacht 27	0-4	5-6	0-0	0	2	5	
Jones 10	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	4	
Parker 13	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	
Feagin 15	0-5	0-0	1-3	0	2	0	
Fraze Mor 9	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	4	0	
Fraze Mor 4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	
Nikagbatse 13	0-6	1-2	0-0	0	2	1	
Hammond 8	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	
Bram 2	0-0	0-1	1-1	0	0	0	
Total	200	10-53	13-20	18-38	6	22	36

Percentages — FG .189, FT .650, 3-point goals — 13 (23) (Watkins 1-4, Fraze Me 2-3, Jones 0-2, Hammond 0-2, Lighthoot 0-1, Parker 0-1). Team rebounds — 10. Blocked shots — 3. Turnovers — 33 (Fraze Me 7, Fasnacht 5, Parker 4, Watkins 3, Nikagbatse 3, Hammond 3, Pirkowicz 2, Lighthoot 2, Jones 2, Fraze Mor, Fraze, Mol). Steals — 9 (Jones 3, Fraze Me 2, Pirkowicz, Lighthoot, Fasnacht, Nikagbatse).

**North Carolina (87)**

min	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
Latta 26	1-4	0-0	4-5	4	3	3	
Larkins 21	5-8	5-6	3-7	1	1	15	
Atkinson 14	4-10	2-2	4-7	3	0	10	
Sell 6	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	
Latta 24	6-10	5-6	0-1	6	1	20	
McCants 24	1-11	2-3	1-4	3	1	14	
Pringle 14	4-7	6-6	2-3	0	2	14	
Miller 15	0-3	2-2	0-1	1	1	2	
Dewitt 8	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	
Nelms 13	0-2	2-2	3-5	0	0	2	
Clayton 13	2-5	1-2	0-1	0	1	7	
McFarland 12	1-2	4-4	2-4	0	2	6	
Austin 5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	
Wood 5	1-1	0-0	2-3	1	0	2	
Total	200	26-68	29-33	21-48	19	16	87

Percentages — FG .382, FT .879, 3-point goals — 6-21 (286) (Latta 3-5, Clayton 2-5, McCants 0-5, Latta 1-2, Sell 0-2, Miller 0-1, Austin 0-1). Team rebounds — 7. Blocked shots — 8 (Pringle 4, Little, McCants, Nelms, Clayton). Turnovers — 16 (McCants 3, Latta 3, Little 3, Larkins 2, Austin 2, Wood 2, Nelms, Sell). Steals — 20 (Larkins 4, McCants 4, Little 3, Latta 3, Dewitt 2, Atkinson, Pringle, Nelms, Miller).

Technical fouls — None. Attendance — 1,829.

ness of the Tar Heels and many times the defense would not be set before UNC had scored and turned to play defense themselves.

Liberty coach Carey Green said his young team was not prepared to handle the quickness of the Tar Heels, yet it was a learning experience nonetheless.

"It's hard to simulate (the speed) in practice," Green said. "What am I going to do? Bring in the track team? Their speed is undeniable."

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# UNC guards must be on point

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Game and Time: Cleveland State at North Carolina. Tipoff is at 9 p.m.

Site: Smith Center

TV/Radio: The game will be televised on ESPNU. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide radio coverage; the game can be heard on WCHL-AM 1360 in the Chapel Hill area.

Records: Cleveland State is 0-1. North Carolina is 1-0.

Series: North Carolina leads, 2-0.

Probable Starters: Cleveland State

G: Victor Morris, 6-1, Jr.  
G: Steve Gansey, 6-3, So.  
F: Raheem Moss, 6-5, Jr.  
F: Frashon McGee, 6-7, Sr.  
F: Patrick Tatham, 6-8, Jr.

North Carolina

G: Bobby Fraser, 6-3, Fr.  
G: Marcus Ginyard, 6-5, Fr.  
F: Reyshawn Terry, 6-8, Jr.  
F: David Noel, 6-6, Sr.  
F: Tyler Hansbrough, 6-9, Fr.

The Key Matchup: North Carolina's point guards against themselves.

Despite doling out 11 assists between them, freshman Bobby Fraser and sophomore Quentin Thomas looked woefully overmatched running the Tar Heel offense in UNC's win against Gardner-Webb.

Both telegraphed passes as if they worked for AT&T. Both made poor decisions running the fast-break and the half-court offense. And both tried again and again to force plays that simply weren't there.

Maybe it was first-game jitters. Maybe it wasn't. But either way, North Carolina better hope it gets a much improved effort from its two-headed point guard duo tonight — not to mention the rest of the season.

"We have to jump on a team," said UNC junior forward Reyshawn Terry after the win Saturday. "If they find any sense of nervousness or fear, they're gonna come at us."

But neither member of Cleveland State's starting backcourt — junior Victor Morris and sophomore Steve Gansey — figures to apply the same level of defensive pressure as the Gardner-Webb guards did Saturday. And Morris isn't even a true guard — he's a swingman who's been converted to the point.

So expect Fraser and Thomas to be considerably less helter-skelter tonight.

Final Analysis/Prediction: While North Carolina struggled down the stretch in its season opener, any sort of competence at the free throw line or confidence in the backcourt would have equalled something closer to a 10-point win.

## THE LOWDOWN ON TODAY'S GAME

Cleveland State vs. North Carolina

Smith Center, 9 p.m.

(0-1) (1-0)

### HEAD-TO-HEAD

**Backcourt**  
Against Gardner-Webb, UNC's PG tandem of Bobby Fraser and Quentin Thomas wrecked havoc. Problem was, most of it was on their own team. Cleveland State's starting SG was 1-for-9 from 3 last game. **Edge: UNC**

**Frontcourt**  
Tyler Hansbrough lived up to the billing in his first game in powder blue, pouring in 21 points despite touching the ball only sparsely in the second half. Expect both him and David Noel to have big games. **Edge: UNC**

**Bench**  
Danny Green came off the bench in the Tar Heels' season opener and scored 17 points while looking decidedly un-freshman-like. The Vikings play a lot of reserves, but none figure to have a much of an impact. **Edge: UNC**

**Intangibles**  
Cleveland State is coming off a loss to Florida A&M, while UNC barely eked out a win in its opener. But CSU is no Gardner-Webb, and the Tar Heels will be looking to prove the squeaker against the Bulldogs was a fluke. **Edge: UNC**

The Bottom Line — North Carolina 86, Cleveland State 65

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And don't forget, the Tar Heels dominated Gardner-Webb — a team that more than likely will be in the NCAA Tournament — for several stretches during both halves.

Cleveland State, on the other

hand, went 9-17 last year and is picked to finish eighth in the nine-team Horizon League.

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# Aldermen to OK one more

## Projects reflect town's distinct values

BY RACHEL ULLRICH  
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A new development under consideration by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen tonight comes at a time when issues of affordable housing and development seem to be simmering on the area front burner.

The aldermen will decide at their meeting if they will grant a local development company a conditional use permit to build the Claremont subdivision on Homestead Road.

The development would add 79 housing units to the area.

The development, pitched by Parker Louis, LLC, would be part of a recent trend of growth and expansion in the town.

Roy Williford, Carrboro's planning director, described several efforts to create new communities, citing the town's Vision 2020 initiative and the recently approved Winnore development.

"If you bring a lot of those policies together, you'll see that what the town is doing is getting pretty good control over community areas in terms of their size," he said, adding that much of the development has been focused near major inter-sections.

Adhering to the town's current housing recommendation — 15 percent set aside as affordable — Claremont would boast about 12 low-cost units.

The inclusion of affordable housing recommendations is one of Carrboro's answers to the issue of ensuring smart growth.

But Scott Kovens, president of Chapel Hill-based Capkov Ventures and Kovens Construction Company, who is planning the Winnore project, believes housing problems in the town could be handled more effectively.

"If they were willing to experiment, they would have a little more

diversity in affordable housing," Kovens said.

Kovens suggested more creativity on the part of both towns in the quest for a solution to affordable housing. He said he would like to avoid placing all the work on the shoulders of the developers.

Affordable housing is a central question before the area's two principal communities.

Each has different hopes for its growth that are often representative of its personal identity. "They both have their own challenges and opportunities," said architect Josh Gurlitz, currently hashing out the details behind his proposed Shortbread Lofts on Rosemary Street in Chapel Hill.

One of these challenges, Kovens said, is the idea that the towns must be careful to keep their clients in mind when planning for growth.

"Both towns have realized that we need to respect the client that lives there," Kovens said. "We're home to a world-class medical and educational facility and an interna-

tionally known research triangle." Kovens continued that because it is the youth of both towns that will be making the decisions in the future, this generation's values should be held as influential.

Gurlitz said developments to spring up in each town should place priority on maintaining individual goals. And if they do focus on personal goals, the way the towns will go about achieving growth might be very different.

"Each town has an image — sort of a vision — of itself and each town would like to mold future development with that image," Gurlitz said.

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# Graduation requirement called a disservice

## Parents claim standard too high

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City schools' differentiation between service learning and volunteer work for credit toward high school graduation is raising eyebrows among parents.

Some parents believe the distinction disqualifies good activities and makes fulfilling the 50-hour service learning requirement too difficult — an issue addressed at Thursday's Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education meeting.

The service learning component was put in effect for the graduating class of 1997.

School board members said they like the requirement but agreed to continue monitoring how the service learning programs are implemented at the two high schools to ensure consistency — declining to

form a committee to look into loosening the rules.

City schools spokeswoman Stephanie Knott said a committee would harm the district's work to close the minority student achievement gap and improve high school achievement.

"If they spend too much time on service learning they would lose the focus that we need to keep on those more critical pieces," she said.

But parents disagree.

Mary Passannante, whose daughter is a sophomore at Chapel Hill High School, said it's hard for busy students to meet the requirement.

She wants volunteering as well as service learning to count toward the requirement. "Any volunteering the kids are doing, they're learning."

Students cannot count work that benefits groups they belong to.

Alice Joyce, the service learning coordinator at Chapel Hill High School, said she thinks it's

important to recognize the difference between service learning and volunteer work.

"(Service learning) should involve working on the activity and ... thinking about how the activity you did served another person or another group with a community need," she said.

Board members said Thursday that they would rather focus on making clearer which activities do count than discuss which don't.

Knott said she supports providing a list of approved opportunities, and Passannante said clarity would be very helpful for parents.

Service learning coordinators at both high schools will keep meeting with the instructional services division and dealing with conflicts on a case-by-case basis, Knott said.

Despite the controversy, school administrators say the program's value goes beyond social benefits.

Ginny Valentin, senior assistant director of admissions at UNC,

said service learning is a way for students to differentiate themselves when applying to colleges. "I think what matters most to us is how it has affected the student," she said.

Other graduation requirements also garnered the school board's attention.

Students now will be required by the state to pass end-of-course tests in English I, U.S. history, biology, civics and economics, and Algebra I.

The state also will require students to complete a senior project.

Seniors must pass 10 end-of-course tests in order to receive credit for the second semester of those courses as per district rules.

City schools also will incorporate grades from outside the district into the calculation of grade point averages probably beginning with the class of 2008.

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## SPORTS CALENDAR

### MONDAY'S RESULTS

■ **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
UNC 87, Liberty 36  
Carmichael Auditorium

■ **CROSS COUNTRY**  
Women: 22nd  
Terre Haute, Ind.

### TODAY

■ **MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
vs. Cleveland State, 9 p.m.  
Smith Center

■ **MEN'S SOCCER**  
vs. Providence, 6 p.m.  
NCAA 2nd Round  
Fetzer Field

### FRIDAY

■ **MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
vs. UC-Santa Barbara,  
8:30 p.m.  
Smith Center

■ **WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
vs. Florida St., 3 p.m.  
NCAA Quarterfinals  
Fetzer Field

■ **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
vs. Arizona State, 2:40 p.m.  
Cancun, Mexico

■ **VOLLEYBALL**  
vs. Boston College, 1 p.m.  
Carmichael Auditorium

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