

Tar Heels slaughter Charleston Southern

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North Carolina started the game with a 16-4 run. Or you could say the Tar Heels began with a 28-6 spurt. Actually, the first half was one giant 50-16 explosion.

As far as statistics go you can really take your pick in what best describes the No. 7 UNC women's basketball team's 92-38 dismantling of Charleston Southern on Thursday — there are quite a few stats to choose from.

Twelve UNC players scored — in the first half.

Charleston shot less than 25 percent for the game.

And, most impressively, CSU is the third Charleston 38 team from the UNC 92 Big South conference that UNC has pounded this season — the other two being Liberty and UNC-Asheville. The combined score in those three games against the not-so-Big competition has been 262-117. Yipes.

The Tar Heels executed their trademark pressure and fast break to near perfection against the over-matched Lady Bucs, who might as well have started warming up the bus during the pregame layup line.

It was a departure from Tuesday's game, in which North Carolina struggled early against UNC-Asheville before pulling away.

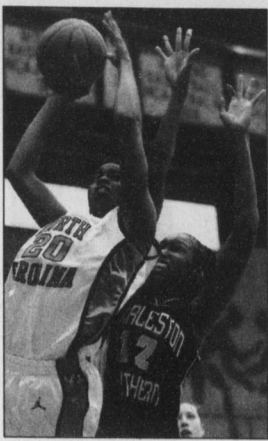
"We really tried to come out with a lot of intensity," said UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell. "If we can get going defensively, we can get going offensively."

And get going they did. After the quick start, North Carolina easily could have shifted into cruise control, but the defensive pressure didn't let up.

With 2:11 to play in the first half, guard La'Tangela Atkinson lunged for an errant CSU pass, and in a vain attempt to save the ball, went sprawling over the scorer's table.

This is with North Carolina leading 48-14, mind you.

"My thing is never look at the scoreboard," Atkinson said. "We're out there on the floor to get bet-



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UNC forward Camille Little (20) draws contact from Charleston Southern's Shaunte Small during Tuesday's Tar Heel blowout.

ter, and the only way we're going to get better is if we keep pushing ourselves."

In the second half, though, the pressure let up as UNC dropped back into a zone defense, and gave the Lady Bucs more open looks than they had in the first half.

In fact, Charleston Southern (1-5) went on a run of its own — albeit a modest 9-5 one — to start the half and, at the very least, wake the Tar Heels from their halftime slumber.

So the Tar Heels just went ahead and closed the game on another mega-run, this time it was 37-13, to improve to 6-0 on the season.

The statistical love even was spread from the starters down to the last bench warmer.

Junior point guard Ivory Latta came into the game leading UNC in points, assists, 3-point percentage and minutes — but led none of those categories Thursday.

The most unlikely Tar Heel to step into the spotlight was freshman Heather Clayton. She displayed a deadly 3-point stroke, knocking down 3-of-5 from behind the arc in the opening frame on her way to 14 points, and was one of only two UNC players in double figures.

UNC 92, UNC Charleston 38

Charleston	16	22	38
North Carolina	50	42	92

	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
Small	29	1-10	0-0	1-4	8	2	2
Wicker	30	5-10	2-4	2-4	0	4	12
Micoy	25	2-8	0-0	1-2	1	4	4
Tolbert	28	3-12	0-0	0-1	1	1	6
Baskin	30	2-7	0-1	0-2	1	2	6
Potts	28	3-10	0-2	2-5	2	1	7
James	7	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Larson	10	0-5	0-0	1-1	0	1	0
Hutchinson	7	0-0	1-2	0-1	0	1	1
Amore	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Total	200	16-65	3-9	14-31	11	17	38

Percentages — FG 24.6, FT 33.3 3-point goals — 3-10 (.300) Clayton 2-6, Potts 1-6, Tolbert 0-3, Larson 0-2, Small 0-1. Team rebounds — 3. Blocked shots — 0. Turnovers — 20 (Tolbert 5, Potts 4, Wicker 3, Larson 2, Amore 2, Small, Baskin, Hutchinson, Team). Steals — 5 (Small 2, Wicker, Tolbert, Baskin).

	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
Little	18	4-5	5-6	1-4	2	0	13
Larkins	5	1-2	1-2	2-3	0	1	3
Atkinson	15	2-3	2-2	2-7	2	0	6
Sell	14	1-5	0-0	0-1	0	0	3
Latta	13	2-4	2-2	0-0	3	0	7
Pringle	15	2-2	2-2	0-0	2	1	8
McCarts	11	3-3	1-3	0-1	2	0	8
Miller	26	3-7	3-3	1-6	7	1	9
McFarland	16	1-3	3-4	2-6	1	1	5
Clayton	16	4-8	3-3	0-3	3	2	14
Dewitt	17	3-8	0-0	2-8	1	2	6
Neims	17	3-4	0-1	0-3	1	1	6
Wood	9	3-3	0-0	1-1	0	0	6
Austin	8	0-3	0-0	2-3	0	1	0
Total	200	32-60	22-28	13-49	24	10	83

Percentages — FG 53.3, FT 78.6 3-point goals — 6-20 (.300) Clayton 3-7, Sell 1-4, Latta 1-2, Miller 0-2, Dewitt 0-2, McCarts 1-1, Neims 0-1, Austin 0-1. Team rebounds — 5. Blocked shots — 8 (Dewitt 5, Pringle 3). Turnovers — 17 (Pringle 4, Latta 3, Atkinson 2, Miller 2, Austin 2, McFarland, Clayton, Dewitt, Neims). Steals — 12 (Miller 3, McFarland 2, Little, Sell, Latta, Pringle, Clayton, Neims, Wood).

Technical fouls — None. Attendance — 922.

"This is a game where you can give the younger kids some experience," Hatchell said.

Even though they are in the middle of a grueling stretch in which they play six games in 11 days before exams and Winter Break, the Tar Heels looked no worse for the wear.

The early lead and strong effort from the bench — which scored 60 points — allowed Hatchell to rest her stars for tonight's game against South Florida and Monday's trip to Connecticut. Erlana Larkins, who was limited by sore legs, played only five minutes and Latta played a mere 13.

"(We are) a little tired," Atkinson said. "But there's nothing we can do about it."

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UNC takes Kentucky road test

Game and Time: North Carolina at No. 10 Kentucky. Tipoff is at noon.

Site: Rupp Arena.
TV/Radio: The game will be televised on CBS. The Tar Heel Sports Network will provide radio coverage; the broadcast will air on WCHL-AM 1360.

Records: North Carolina is 3-1. Kentucky is 5-1.

Series: UNC leads, 17-10.

Probable Starters:
North Carolina
G: Bobby Frasier, 6-3 Fr.
G: Marcus Ginyard, 6-5 Fr.
F: Reyshawn Terry, 6-8 Jr.
F: David Noel, 6-6 Sr.
C: Tyler Hansbrough, 6-9 Fr.

Kentucky
G: Patrick Sparks, 6-0 Sr.
G: Rajon Rondo, 6-1 So.
G: Ravi Moss, 6-2 Sr.
F: Rekalin Sims, 6-8 Jr.
F: Bobby Perry, 6-6 Jr.

The Key Matchup: The North Carolina backcourt against the 3-point line.

The Tar Heels shot a woeful 2-for-13 from behind the arc against Illinois in Tuesday's four-point loss, allowing the Illini to collapse on Tyler Hansbrough in the paint and repeatedly force awkward turnovers.

And while Hansbrough and his frontcourt brethren should be able to create space against Kentucky's three-guard lineup, the North Carolina guards need to keep the Wildcats' defense honest.

No Tar Heel connected from behind the arc in the first 33 minutes of Tuesday's game. And even when Marcus Ginyard drained a clutch shot from the corner in the final minutes, referees ruled that he'd shot the ball with his foot on the line.

On the other hand, the Wildcats, like Illinois, have no qualms about shooting the 3 when they're open.

Patrick Sparks — who knows something about keeping his toes behind the line — has hit 15 of his 30 3-point shots this season. Senior Ravi Moss and sophomore Rajon Rondo also are shooting exactly 50 percent from behind the arc.

If the Tar Heels continue to struggle to score outside the paint, they'll have to find a way to force Kentucky to do the same.

THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME

	North Carolina at No. 10 Kentucky	
(3-1)	Rupp Arena, noon	(5-1)

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Backcourt	UK's Patrick Sparks is averaging 10.8 points, most of it coming from 3-point range. UNC rookies Bobby Frasier and Marcus Ginyard have played well defensively but haven't found their scoring touch. Edge: Kentucky	
Frontcourt	The Tar Heels caught a break with the news that Randolph Morris, a 6-10 bruiser who scored in double figures 13 times last year, still is ineligible. Tyler Hansbrough is scoring 17.8 points per game. Edge: UNC	
Bench	Seven-foot-3 center Shagari Alleyne caused problems for UNC off the bench last year, blocking four shots. He's not a scorer, but he'll clog the paint and force UNC to move the ball on the perimeter. Edge: Kentucky	
Intangibles	For the second straight season, a team laden with talented freshmen visits the hostile home of a highly ranked squad of veterans. As was the case for UNC last year, Kentucky's home court wins out. Edge: Kentucky	

The Bottom Line — Kentucky 71, North Carolina 62

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Bobby Frasier and Ginyard managed to contain the flashy Dee Brown on Tuesday, but Kentucky has a much deeper stable of capable guards than did the Fighting Illini.

Final Analysis/Prediction: Four games into the season, the Tar Heels — particularly the rookies — have proven to all but the most skeptical of observers that they have the talent and desire to compete in every game.

But they still struggle mightily to maintain possession of the ball. So far neither Quentin Thomas, who has been hobbled by injury, nor the freshman Frasier has been an effective point guard. Only Wes

Miller, in fact, finished the Illinois game with more assists than turnovers.

Coach Roy Williams will insist upon improvement in that area, but Rupp Arena is a tough place to learn the importance of the safe pass.

North Carolina will have little margin for error against a team as talented as Kentucky. Unfortunately for the Tar Heels' hopes for victory, errors are a natural part of the learning process.

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Admissions policies OK, panel says

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In 2003 the Supreme Court ruled in favor of affirmative action in Grutter v. Bollinger, allowing race to be considered in the college admissions process.

But to many people the case is not closed, as a panel discussion proved Thursday night.

More than 40 members of the community came together to debate UNC's affirmative action practice.

According to the Supreme Court decision, admissions officers at a university who perceive diversity as important can take race or ethnicity into account if they choose to, said panelist Steve Farmer, UNC's director of undergraduate admissions.

Because UNC has made diversity one of its primary focuses, Farmer said, the admissions officials practice affirmative action.

But Farmer was quick to dispel any misconceptions about the policy, emphasizing that the admissions process takes race into account only when it promises to foster educational diversity.

"Students learn best when they learn alongside people who are different from them," Farmer said.

He said UNC neither has separate pools for different races or ethnicities nor racial quotas because

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both would be against the law, and both would group students into categories when they should be considered on an individual basis.

"Because people are different, we don't have a 'one size fits all' formula for admissions," Farmer said.

"Every student at Chapel Hill earns his or her spot."

But some audience members said just because something is legal does not always prove it is right.

Jonathan Sink, a University junior, said admissions should be based entirely on merit — citing SATs and GPAs as the true evaluations of students.

Sink, along with senior Matt Vail, started Advocates for Educational Equality, a campus organization dedicated to promoting color-blind admissions in North Carolina and eliminating

ethnicity check-boxes from admissions applications.

But some panelists said such a "meritocracy" would assume that all people start off on equal footing in terms of schooling. Also, such a process would define merit solely in terms of numbers, they said.

"We really want to know students as human beings and not as numbers," Farmer said.

Most of all, panelists also said that type of an admissions process would hurt education at UNC by eliminating diversity.

"We are the University of the people," said panelist Archie Irvin, associate provost for diversity and multicultural affairs.

"And that doesn't mean some people. It means all the people."

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7 p.m.
Smith Center

■ **MEN'S SOCCER**
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1 p.m.
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