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either Democratic candidate will pull ahead anytime soon. "(Barack) Obama and (Hillary) Clinton are going to slug this out state-by-state," said UNC journalism professor Leroy Towns. "That may keep this contest going far into the summer, with the possibility of going into the convention without a clear nominee. ... It's going to be the kind of campaign this country has almost never seen."

Style drives Democrats

Among the Democrats, the campaign has been more about personality and leadership style because of the consensus among candidates on key issues. "This was not an issue-based contest," said William Galston, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. "It hasn't been from the start and it isn't now." He said Clinton projects a "managerial" air while Obama seems more visionary. "What we're really talking about in the Democratic Party is a contest over leadership style and electability."

Defining conservatism

Hull said he expects Republicans to rally behind John McCain in the end because the they tend to coalesce behind their front-runners, although right now McCain is having difficulty gaining traction among the party's conservative base. "There are serious questions about John McCain's conservative credentials," Hull said. Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney, who are vying for the social conservative vote, have attacked McCain for his more liberal stances on key Republican issues

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such as immigration, tax cuts and conservative social values. Going into Tuesday, Romney was McCain's greatest challenge. Huckabee's stronger than expected showing on Tuesday helped McCain by taking votes from Romney, Hull said.

Divided on the map

McCain took many of the northeastern states, while Huckabee swept the South, a region almost every Republican nominee has won. "That would be the recipe for a Democratic candidate in past elections, yet that describes McCain in this year," Towns said. "It may be a forerunner of the split in the Republican Party between the fiscal conservatives and the social conservatives."

Latinos drive California

California was the heavyweight on Tuesday night due to its large number of delegates. The state's large Latino population added a dynamic that wasn't present in earlier contests. Clinton's large swath of support among those voters, along with historic tension between blacks and Latinos, secured her win in California, Hull said. "I believe that the Clintons have very strong historical support from the Hispanic community," he said, citing Bill Clinton's solid legacy among Latinos. Meanwhile, Romney and McCain battled about immigra-

tion issues. Since neither candidate has a clear advantage in that area, McCain's victory in California was most likely due to his strength on other issues, Towns said.

The caucus factor

A few of the states voting on Tuesday held caucuses, which necessitated a different strategy. Caucuses are largely dependent on voter turnout, giving Romney and Obama's campaign styles an edge, Hull said. Those candidates also benefited because caucuses attract the party extremes, Galston said. "Gov. Romney was more appealing to conservatives than Senator McCain," he said. "And Senator Obama has done better among liberals than among moderates and conservatives in the Democratic Party."

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ing to Duke's motion and appeared to have solved the opposition's riddle. But then the defense broke down and Scheyer hit a three from the left wing with two seconds left on the shot clock. "It's frustrating," North Carolina's Danny Green said. "We go on a little run, and they'd turn around and hit a three."

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dents gathered in Cameron Indoor Stadium to watch the game on two nearly 30-foot-tall screens. About 900 people attended the viewing party, said Duke junior Hope Lu, an event organizer. Gonzalez said 500 to 600 people attended the last two years. During Wednesday night's game, student chants ranged from "Go to hell Carolina, go to hell" to "Sean May eats babies."

There generally isn't a strong reaction to road games that becomes problematic, Gonzalez said, adding that there are usually just pockets of celebration. Eight miles down Tobacco Road, downtown Chapel Hill was wind-swept but bereft of celebrating fans. Those who were present were mostly forlorn, but one man expressed defiance as he stumbled across Franklin Street. "Carolina is still No. 1," he screamed at a passing car. "We'll get them at home."

The firefighters and 36 extra police officers on Franklin Street had nothing to do but watch as disappointed UNC fans seeped out of the bars before the final buzzer. "We're ready to go home," Chapel Hill Deputy Fire Chief Robert Bosworth said as he sat in the front seat of a golf cart filled with fire extinguishers. The only fire lit in Tar Heel country was a small evergreen tree set on fire for a short period next to the Tau chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at 106 Fraternity Court.

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throws. When the Tar Heels (21-2, 6-2 ACC) entered the half down just 42-39 thanks to a spirited 8-0 run to close the period, Hansbrough and frontcourt teammate Deon Thompson had 27 of the Tar Heels' points. But although North Carolina closed to within one at the beginning of the second half, the Tar Heels could not do anything to slow down the perimeter-spaced, knockout-happy Blue Devil offense long enough to climb into the lead.

"We tied it up early in the second half, but then they kept plugging and made shots, so you have to give them credit," Thompson said. Junior guard Greg Paulus was particularly deadly against the Tar Heels as he continued his extremely hot shooting as of late. He finished with 18 points — all on 3-pointers — including two daggers in the left corner during the second half while fading away. Although Duke cooled off slightly from the perimeter in the second half (hitting a mere five), the much-boomed Gerald Henderson and forward Lance Thomas were able to provide enough production from two-point range to allow Duke to maintain a comfortable lead for much of the second period. Down the stretch, the Blue Devils were able to hit enough free throws and control the ball suf-

ficiently to ice the game and put UNC two games back in the ACC standings. "They played well, they stuck to their game plan," Green said. "When it comes down to it, you gotta hit shots. We didn't hit as many shots and we didn't do the little things."

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Duke	42	47	89
North Carolina	39	39	78

Duke (88)	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk	pf	tp
Singer	27	5-11	3-2	3-10	2	3	14
Thomas	25	5-7	0-2	3-5	0	4	10
Henderson	20	5-10	2-6	3-7	3	3	12
Nelson	23	3-9	0-7	1-4	0	4	13
Paulus	31	6-9	0-2	3-3	3	4	15
Scheyer	33	4-11	7-8	5-6	3	2	17
Smith	13	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	3	6
McClure	7	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
King	2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Total	200	30-48	15-27	15-35	15	26	85

North Carolina (78)	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk	pf	tp
Thompson	35	0-0	2-2	3-5	0	5	12
Hansbrough	20	10-23	4-6	0-10	0	4	20
Givard	32	3-10	8-8	3-5	3	1	10
Ellington	24	5-9	2-2	5-6	2	4	8
Thomas	35	4-8	3-4	0-5	7	4	10
Green	23	1-10	0-0	3-3	4	3	3
Stephenson	13	0-0	0-2	3-4	0	2	0
Gowes	6	0-0	1-2	1-1	1	3	1
Total	200	29-49	15-30	30-45	17	26	78

Percentages — FG 40%, FT 82%. Special stats — 19-23 44% (Paulus 6-8, Singer 3-4, Scheyer 2-4, Nelson 1-3, Smith 1-4, Henderson 0-2, King 0-2). Team rebounds — 1 blocked shots — 0 (Singer 2, Thomas 2, Henderson 2). Turnovers — 15 (Nelson 4, Paulus 3, Singer 2, Smith 2, Thomas, Henderson, Scheyer, McClure). Steals — 11 (Paulus 4, Scheyer 3, Singer 2, Nelson, Smith).
 Technical fouls — None. Attendance — 21,750.

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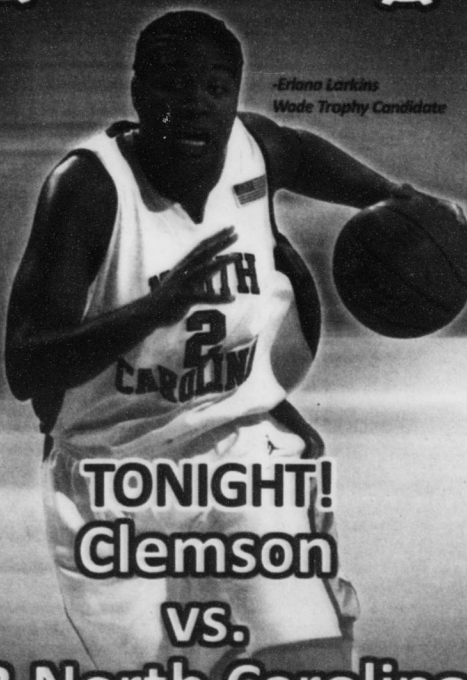
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