

Tar Heels locking down the opposition

Four No. 1s make Final Four historic

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Throughout the season, much has been said about North Carolina's ability to stir things up on the offensive end.

However, the Tar Heels usually spend more time in practice working on their defensive efforts, and Saturday night against Louisville, all of that work seemed to pay off.

But as the Tar Heels prepare to take their show on the road again this weekend in San Antonio after defeating the No. 3 seeded Cardinals 83-73, they are going to need to prove that they can lock down an opposing team's offense — especially when they get hot.

"Teams are going to go on runs, and they're going to be up. It's going to happen," junior Danny Green said.

And the run Green spoke of did not happen for Rick Pitino's Cardinals until the second half, when they finally seemed to hit their stride. Leading by 12 at half-time, North Carolina was not able to contain an impressive Louisville offensive attack that would eventually culminate in a 59-59 tie with a little more than 10 minutes to play in the game.

"We still don't guard people

as well as I would like for us to guard, by any means," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "Louisville shot 50 percent for the game. But we did get some stops down the stretch."

Good when it counts

Down the stretch is when North Carolina dug deep and brought an intensity to the game that had been missing from the first part of the second half.

"We kept fighting throughout the game," guard Wayne Ellington said. "We had to go in and make some stops. We also wanted to go in and get some loose balls."

Overall Ellington said he was pleased with the team's poise on the defensive end.

"We did a good job with keeping our composure when we were down."

Knotting the score at 59 is the closest Louisville would come, as UNC's tight defense caused three more Cardinal turnovers in the final three minutes.

"We know this is not our last step, and we're very excited to get to this point, and we'll continue to have the same attitude that we have more work to do," said junior Marcus Ginyard, who finished with two of the team's nine steals on the night.

"I think that just shows how

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good this team really is because when we get into sticky situations we always get ourselves out."

A historic quartet

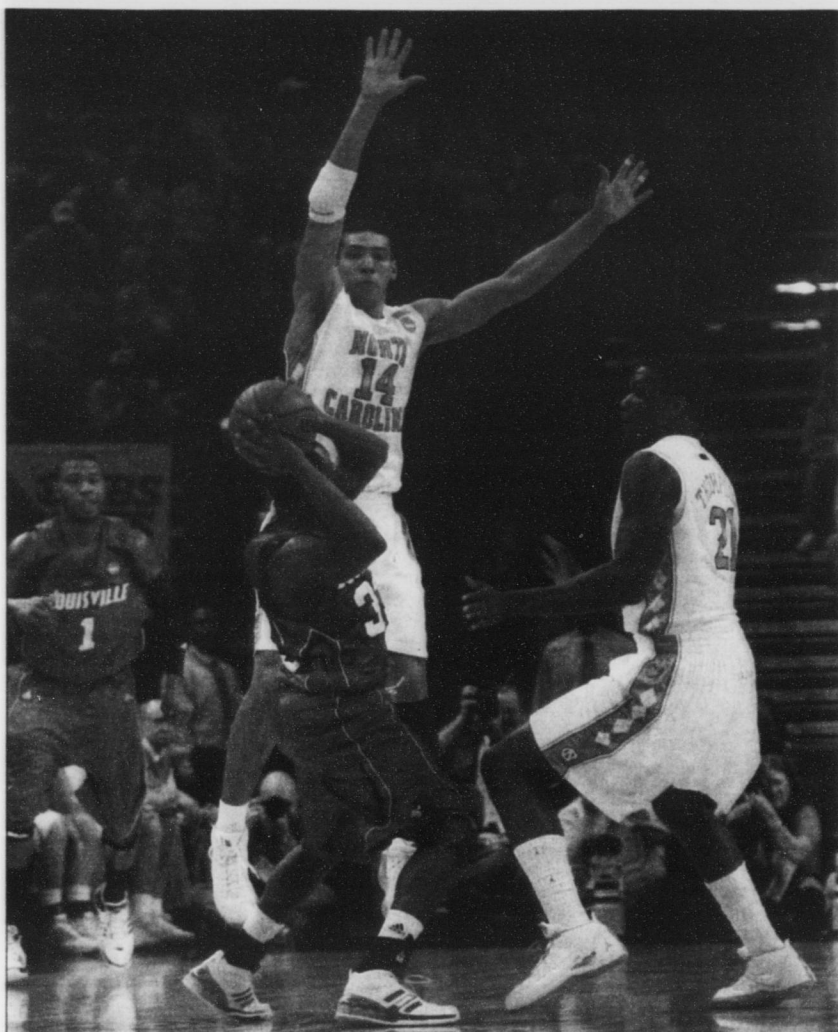
While North Carolina's defense may be the talk of the town locally, pundits across the nation are salivating at a chance to get a glimpse of a Final Four first.

Never before have all four No. 1 seeds survived their Regionals, and Saturday offers two monumental showdowns, with UCLA and Memphis penciled in for game one, and UNC and Kansas set to tip off in the later game.

And it's not just fans that are excited for the games, but the coaches too.

"This is going to be a crazy Final Four," Memphis coach John Calipari said in a teleconference Monday. "I've been in the tournament a few different times, and I don't remember where it kinda played out like this."

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North Carolina's Danny Green and Deon Thompson trap Louisville's Andre McGee in Elite Eight action. Green was one of three Tar Heels to record two steals as UNC forced the Cardinals into 19 turnovers on the night.

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Caution: Pranks ahead April 1

Vigilance advised for April Fools' Day

BY AARON TAUBE
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Today marks the anniversary of the day Matt Wohlford found out he would be a father.

"My girlfriend at the time told me that she hadn't had her period and that she was two weeks late," he recounted.

But Wohlford, a sophomore from Seattle, later would find out he was only one of many victims of the age-old April Fools' Day prank.

"Ultimately she's like, 'I actually had it today.' It was frightening," he said.

Though it's always good to be on guard for a practical joke, students should make sure to be extra careful today.

"I'm just going to look over my shoulder every now and then," said Mike Oehl, a freshman from Beaufort, S.C.

The first of April has been a day of caution ever since 1582, when the

introduction of the Gregorian calendar caused the New Year to move from April 1 to its current place.

But some Europeans either didn't know about or refused to accept the new date and continued celebrating the New Year as they had before.

These people were called "fools" by their neighbors, sent on "fool errands" and invited to fake parties.

Ever since, April 1 has been a day for people to make fools of their friends.

And Oehl is not the only student planning to be more alert for April Fools' Day. In fact, others plan to strike first to ensure their safety from mischievous friends and relatives.

"The best defense is the best offense," said Daniel Hong, a graduate student from Cary.

This year Wohlford also plans to have a counterattack ready in case

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MATT WOHLFORD, UNC SOPHOMORE

of emergency.

"I'm trying to prepare countermeasures that I might spring upon somebody if I were to be punked," he said. "My goal is to be one of the people who is conducting the pranks."

Anna Hanlin, a freshman from Charlotte, also is planning to be ready with a retaliatory strike.

"I don't really believe in defending yourself; I believe it's more about getting revenge," she said. "I think I would just try my best to better the person who pulls a prank on me."

Some UNC students are less scared by the possibility of practical jokes at their expense.

"I'm hoping that my friends are going to forget about it," said Katia Gamze, a freshman from Chicago.

"It used to be a much bigger deal."

Charles Owens, a land surveyor from Forest City visiting campus for a tour, has accepted his April Fools' Day fate.

"I only allow my wife and children to prank me, and I expect it," he said. "I'm not on guard. I'm anticipating it."

But Randy Chapman, a police chief from Forest City, recommended constant vigilance.

"You should stay on guard all the time, and you should be aware of your surroundings — where you parked your car and the people around you, not just on April Fools' Day."

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