

Tar Heels lose ninth straight to Pack, 88-85

N.C. State downs Carolina in overtime

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Sloan: "Super..."

REYNOLDS COLISEUM, RALEIGH — "The magic is back," announced N.C. State guard Monte Towe, as he strode into the dressing room after his team's narrow 88-85 victory over arch-rival North Carolina. But Wolfpack head coach Norm Sloan, who is known for his ability to pull rabbits out of his hat at the damndest times, had to dig deep into his bag of tricks Saturday to pull out the win.

Trailing 85-79, with 1:27 to play in overtime, things looked dim for the defending national champion Pack. It took two straight baskets by State center Phil Spence (the second coming with a little help from a goaltending call on UNC's Mitch Kupchak) to get the Pack to 85-83, with 1:09 to play.

Seconds later, Towe fouled Carolina freshman Phil Ford, who missed on the one-and-one opportunity at the foul line, and Kenny Carr pulled down the crucial rebound for the Wolfpack. With 0:41 to play in the ACC battle, State's All-University forward David Thompson cranked up and hit from 18 feet to tie the game at 85-85.

Carr set the Pack out ahead to stay with 0:17 left as he hit both shots of a one-and-one situation following a Ford foul. Thompson (seems like he's everywhere, doesn't it?) blocked a Walter Davis attempt in the

corner, and with 0:08 to play UNC's Tommy LaGarde found himself on the wrong end of the official's finger for the fifth and final time.

Mo Rivers was awarded two shots, missed the first and hit the second to make it 88-85.

Carolina's last gasp came with 0:05 to play as Rivers fouled Davis, who missed his one-and-one chance. The game ended with a flurry of hands, bodies, Converse basketball shoes and Carolina losing to North Carolina State for the ninth straight time.

'A Classic'

"This certainly was a classic Carolina-State game to watch," commented UNC coach Dean Smith afterwards. "I'm extremely disappointed for the team; they came here to play and have been improving each game."

Smith noted the six-point lead Carolina held in the overtime period, which started with a 77-77 tie after Spence missed a foul shot with 0:01 in regulation. "When you're ahead by six in overtime, you shouldn't lose. Six points ahead . . . I liked the situation."

"I was happy we got to overtime," he continued. "I thought we were in good shape, playing the nation's number three team on their home court."

The Tar Heels did seem in good shape at the time, with the exception of LaGarde's forced exit from the game with five fouls. Carolina led the game in shooting percentage, hitting 57.1 per cent in the first half, 60.0 in the final regulation period and finishing

with 58.6 per cent to State's 52.7.

Most of Carolina's troubles came at the free throw line, where the Heels hit 17 of 23, and in the turnovers category. The Heels had 19 turnovers to State's 12, most of UNC's coming in the closing minutes of play. State had six steals to Carolina's four.

Thompson (same fellow) led the game's scorers with 20 points; Davis and Brad Hoffman followed for UNC with 19 and 18 respectively. LaGarde finished with 17, Kupchak with 14 and Ford with 13.

'Super ball game . . .'

For State, it was the morale boost the Pack needed after suffering a shellacking at the hands of Maryland in College Park; for Carolina, it was as close as one can get to a moral victory, if there is such a thing. The Tar Heels had State on the ropes and let the Pack slip away. "No wonder basketball is so popular in this conference," said Sloan. "I'd be trying to get tickets too."

"I thought we played a super ball game," stated Sloan. "It was a great game. Carolina has a fine team . . . not at all the same team we beat in the Big Four Tournament."

Carolina, now 8-4 overall and tied for second in the ACC with State at 2-1, must look ahead to this Wednesday when the Tar Heels host the Virginia Cavaliers at 8 p.m. in Carmichael.

The Cavs are coming fresh off an upset 60-56 victory over Duke in Charlottesville Saturday.



Smith: "Classic..."

Dickey selected defensive coach

Jim Dickey, who has spent 12 years as an assistant coach of major football powers in the midwest, has been named defensive coordinator on Bill Dooley's staff at the University of North Carolina.

Dickey, 41, replaces Bobby Collins, veteran Tar Heel coach who resigned last month to become head coach at Southern Mississippi University. Dooley said that Dickey will begin his new duties on Monday.

Dickey, a former star quarterback at the University of Houston, comes to the Tar Heels from the University of Kansas where he has been assistant head coach and defensive coordinator the past two years under Don Fambrough.

Prior to that, he was an assistant coach at the University of Oklahoma for three years, at Oklahoma State for four years and at the University of Houston for three years. In all his college coaching assignments, he has been a defensive specialist.

"We're delighted that Jim Dickey is joining our staff," Dooley said Saturday. "He has an outstanding reputation and is regarded as one of the top assistant coaches in the country. He will head up our defensive staff and we have confidence he will do a great job."

A native of Houston, Dickey played quarterback at Tyler, Tex. Junior College and at Houston in 1954 and 1955. He was voted all-Missouri Valley quarterback in 1955.

He began his coaching career at Ball High School in Galveston, Tex., in 1957 and remained there for three years. He was head coach at King High School in Houston in 1961 and 1962 and then returned to the University of Houston under Bill Yeoman in 1963.

In 1967, his defensive secondary at Oklahoma State ranked fourth in the nation in pass defense. In 1973 under Dickey's coaching, Kansas led the nation in both pass interceptions and forced turnovers. When he coached at

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Oklahoma, the Sooners twice went to the Sugar Bowl and once to the Bluebonnet. He helped guide the 1973 Kansas team to the Liberty Bowl where the Jayhawks lost to North Carolina State.

"I've heard nothing but nice things about Chapel Hill and the Carolina football program," Dickey said Saturday. "I'm anxious to get there and get to work."

Dickey is married to the former Inez Philpot of Houston and they have three children, Deborah, 22; Jim, Jr., 21; and Darrell, 14.

And in the rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference

by United Press International

The North Carolina State win over North Carolina was just what the doctor ordered to boost the Wolfpack morale after the Pack's sound thrashing at the hands of Maryland last week.

"It would have been very tough for our morale if we hadn't won," said coach Norm Sloan after the Wolfpack's 88-85 squeaker. "A win like this has to do us good, especially since Carolina played so well."

But the Wolfpack went about getting its needed medicine the hard way.

All-star David Thompson played the final 23 minutes of the game with four fouls. The Wolfpack was down by six points with 1:27 left on the clock. With the score tied at 77-77 at the end of regulation play, big Phil Spence missed a free throw.

Sloan noted that the Wolfpack's being down by six and then rallying to topple their opponent was reminiscent of the heartstopping game the pack played against UCLA in the national semifinals last year.

Thompson had 20 points to lead game scoring and the six other State players in

double figures. The Tar Heels were paced by Walter Davis with 19 points, but four other Carolina players came up with double figure scores.

Maryland, back confident from a 103-85 romp of North Carolina State Thursday, easily downed Navy 87-73. In other ACC action, Virginia beat Duke 60-56 and Clemson defeated Wake Forest 80-77.

Maryland, still at the top of ACC standings with no losses in four conference outings and only one loss in 13 overall outings, was led in scoring against Navy by John Lucas who racked up 20 points for the Terps.

Wally Walker had a game high 18 points in Virginia's win over the Blue Devils in a game that was "close all the way." The Cavaliers had the lead 30-28 at the half and the lead see-sawed until Andy Boninti hit two foul shots with 48 seconds left in the game.

Wake Forest was hot in the first half of action against the Tigers, but reminiscent of earlier season games, the Deacons cooled down in the second half. At the half the Deacons had a 45-36 lead over Clemson, but

the Tigers came back to play what coach Tates Lock called "our best 10 minutes of the year" in the second half.

The ACC teams are idle now until Wednesday when Maryland goes up against Clemson (2-2, 7-7); Virginia (1-3, 7-5) travels to North Carolina (2-1, 11-2); and Duke (1-2, 8-4) takes on Wake Forest (1-4, 7-5).

Saturday's game of North Carolina against Maryland will be televised. Also Saturday, Clemson meets Virginia. Wake Forest will be at North Carolina State and Princeton comes to Duke.

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