Basketball Standings



UNC center Mitch Kupchak goes in for a left-handed layup against Clemson's David Brown as the Tigers' Wayne Rollins (30) and Colon Abraham (21) and UNC's Walter Davis look on.

UNC drops Clemson, 79-64

Finally...spectators get a chance to relax

by Susan Shackelford Sports Editor

True lovers of sports don't like to see spectators leave a game early. But that's what they did and could do Saturday night in Carmichael Auditorium. People began looking for the exits, but it was hardly an insult to the Carolina basketball team, which was still running on the court with Atlantic Coast Conference opponent Clemson.

What sanctioned the departures was that the fourth-ranked Tar Heels had, for the first time in four straight games, mounted a convincing lead. The Heels held a 14-point margin over visiting Clemson for 51/4 minutes in the second half.

That lead went up to 16 points and finally 18 as Carolina trounced the Tigers for the second time this season. The final margin for the Heels was 15 points at 79-64, not quite reaching the 19-point spread of an 83-64 win earlier in the season at Clemson.

Of course the majority of the spectators remained in the humid haven of Carmichael. They sat back in the Carolina blue chairs, watching the four corners, the Blue Team and the free throw shooting. Worries were warranted mostly during the first half of this game, unlike the 45-minute tension trips of the Heels' most recent overtime wins against Maryland and Wake Forest.

Don't be alarmed that some fans traded their cars for Carmichael because what they were actually doing was relaxing while they thought it possible. The headaches, hypertension and nerves deserved a break. The last three UNC wins were by only 2, 2 and 3 points.

Even UNC Head Coach Dean Smith admitted the Heels, now 7-1 in the ACC and

15-2 overall, could use a break. "We need a breather, and Detroit (Wednesday opponent) certainly isn't a breather at home (Detroit)," Smith said. Detroit has a 19game winning streak on its home court.

In the Clemson game, both teams had amazingly similar statistics except for free throw shooting. Both shot 46 per cent from the field and got 34 rebounds, but the Heels cashed in on 27 of 29 free tosses. The Tigers shot only six free throws, their lowest number of the season, and sank two.

Twenty of Carolina's 21 free throws came in the second half. Carolina leaped ahead with nine unanswered points, midway through the period. With three fouls and a technical, Clemson's Wayne "Tree" Rollins, the league's leading rebounder, was logging time on the bench during that stretch.

Rollins returned to the game with 9:51 left, but the Tar Heels would not relinquish control, as he and teammate David Brown each put in a basket to cut the Tiger deficit to eight at 63-55. The Heels responded with eight straight points, however, while the Tigs managed only a basket.

Rollins, who ended with eight rebounds (four below his average), couldn't give the basketball a Clemson bounce, though it had been with the Tigers most of the first half, when they were up by as many as six points. But that seemed ages ago, as the scoreboard now showed 71-57 Carolina with 7:48 left.

Coach Smith cited the second half spurt a Walter Davis layup, a Mitch Kupchak tap in, a 20-foot shot by Phil Ford and two free throws by Kupchak - as his team's turning

Ford topped all scorers with 23 points and rebounding honors went to Tommy LaGarde and Kupchak, who had 12 and 10,

LUNCHEON SPECIALS

respectively. Davis scored 20 points on nine

for 13 field goals; LaGarde had 14 points;

Clemson also had four players in double

A first half surge, led by 11 points from

figures, led by Brown's 14 points. Rollins put

in 13, Colon Abraham 12 and Stan Rome 10.

Ford, uncorked the bottle Clemson had

around the favored Heels. With UNC down

by five, 26-21, Ford sank 3-4 free throws,

three medium-to-long range shots and a 10-

foot jumper with eight seconds left in the

half. This personal rampage, plus two points

each from LaGarde and Kupchak, gave

UNC a 35-34 edge at the half, its first lead

and Kupchak, 16.

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Ford, Davis spark Tar Heels' spurts

by Jim Thomas **Assistant Sports Editor**

After humiliating Clemson three weeks ago in Littlejohn Coliseum, and given the pattern of Atlantic Coast Conference teams losing in front of the home fans this year. North Carolina figured to have its hands full with three fouls, Ford scored 11 points in the with the revenge-minded Tigers here Saturday.

And for the most part it was just as expected. The Tigers, coming off road wins over Wake Forest and Maryland, maintained their poise before 8,800 fans in Carmichael Auditorium. But two bursts broke open a tight game as fourth-ranked Carolina spurted by Clemson 79-64.

Tar Babies outgun Southeastern

The Carolina junior varsity basketball team upped their season record to 4-2 by defeating Southeastern Community College from Whiteville, 103-93, Saturday in Carmichael Auditorium.

All five UNC starters hit double figures, led by Archie Shaw's 21 and Ged Doughton's 22-point totals. Randy Wiel collected 16 and Keith Valentine and Clay Richardson each finished with 10.

Southeastern jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and managed to stay close through most of the first half behind the shooting of Robert Miles and Jeff Martin. But the Tar Babies came on strong just before halftime to take a 54-43 lead.

The game was never close from that point on as Wiel and Doughton, both varsity reserves, poured it on and extended the lead to over 20 points during the second half.

The first burst came with four minutes remaining in the first half with Clemson ahead 26-20, its largest lead of the game. Up until then the Tigers had held UNC guard Phil Ford to only two points. But as so often

has been the case Ford rose to the occasion. With Wayne 'Tree' Rollins on the bench last four minutes of the half. The last two points came with eight seconds left on a 10foot jumper in traffic, which put the Tar Heels ahead, 35-34, for the first time since the II-minute mark.

"I was just getting the open shot," Ford explained. "All the shots just came at once. I didn't think I was going to have to start scoring."

The second Tar Heel burst occurred at the midway point of the second half. After a Tommy LaGarde foul shot (the result of a technical on Rollins) gave Carolina a 55-51 lead, Clemson had the ball with a chance to cut the margin to two points. But UNC forward Walter Davis, who had made a jumper to stop a string of eight straight Clemson points in the first half, intercepted a pass at midcourt and raced the rest of the way for a layup.

Minutes earlier with the Tar Heels ahead by only one point, 47-46, Davis had stolen the ball from Rollins under the UNC basket to deny Clemson a chance at the go-ahead bucket, then hit a jumper from the foul line as the Tigers never came as close again.

"I just try to position myself and hope I'm in the right place," said Davis, who had three steals to go along with his 20 points. "I try to anticipate what is going to happen."

Davis said the Tar Heels were not mentally ready in the first half, when Clemson held the lead for 10 minutes. "We had only three offensive rebounds in the first half," Davis said. "For our game to go we have to get more than one shot at the basket if we miss. We tried to speed it up a little bit and create some turnovers."

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	NORTH CAROLINA (79)					
	MP	FG	FT	R	A	TP
Davis	31	9-13	2-2	- 4	2	20
LaGarde	34	3-9	8-8	12	2	14
Kupchak	34	4-8	8-8	10	3	16
Kuester	34	2-6	0-0	1	3	4
Ford	35	7-12	9-11	1	5	23
Buckley	9	0-2	0-0	0	1	0
Bradley	5	0-2	0-0	2	0	0
Hanners	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Coley	3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Chambers	4	0-1	0-0	0	0	2
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UNC Coach Dean Smith cited Davis' defense and the rebounding of LaGarde and Kupchak (Mitch) as key factors in speeding up the tempo in the second half. "Davis came up with some steals and LaGarde and Kupchak were tremendous on the boards. LaGarde has played super basketball in every game and Kupchak is an amazing

In his battle with the league's other premiere center, Kupchak scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds compared to Rollins' totals of 13 points and eight rebounds. "I have a lot of respect for Rollins but I don't change my game any," said Kupchak. "But I would hate to play against

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Abraham	26	6-13	0-0	2	0	12
Brown	37	7-13	0-1	10	1	14
Rollins	33	6-12	1-3	8	2	13
Franken	20	0-4	0-0	0	- 6	0
Harman	16	2-4	0-0	2	3	- 4
Coles	24	3-7	1-2	1	3	7
Rome	14	5-6	0-0	0	0	10
Johnson	20	1-6	0-0	3	6	2
Howell	10	1-2	0-0	5	0	2
TOTALS	200	31-67	2-6	34	21	64

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him every game."

For LaGarde, who seems to have attained the consistency which eluded him last year, it was another solid performance. The 6-10 forward scored 14 points and pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds.

"I think I've improved in every game," the Detroit junior said. "It's been a learning process. In myself I think I've gotten better. It's a good feeling."

LaGarde said he is looking forward to playing Detroit Wednesday, the Tar Heels first outside opponent after eight consecutive conference games. "It should be a really good time," he said. "We're going to have to play our best to beat them.'

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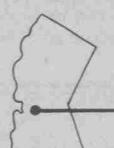
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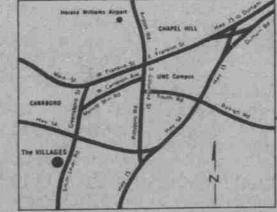
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