

# SPORTS

## Perkins lets emotions go

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Photo by Robert Luckey

Besides averaging more than 23 points in the last five games, senior Sam Perkins has become UNC's emotional catalyst.

### Basketball ticket distribution schedule

GAME	DATE AND TIME
Ga. Tech (Jan. 28)	Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m.
Louisiana St. (Jan. 29)	Sunday, Jan. 22, 1 p.m.
N.C. State (Feb. 18)	Sunday, Feb. 5, 1 p.m.
Maryland (Feb. 19)	Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.
Duke (March 3)	Saturday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.

UPI poll		AP poll	
1. North Carolina (41)-0	629	1. North Carolina (62)-0	1240
2. DePaul ..... 13-0	569	2. DePaul ..... 13-0	1160
3. Kentucky (1)..... 12-1	500	3. Kentucky ..... 12-1	1074
4. Texas-El Paso ..... 15-0	430	4. Houston ..... 16-2	1015
5. Houston ..... 15-2	421	5. Texas-El Paso ..... 14-0	953
6. Georgetown ..... 13-2	358	6. Georgetown ..... 13-2	846
7. Maryland ..... 11-2	317	7. Maryland ..... 11-2	820
8. Nevada-Las Vegas 14-1	225	8. Nev. Las Vegas ..... 14-1	720
9. Illinois ..... 12-2	193	9. UCLA ..... 10-2	568
10. Oregon State ..... 9-2	168	10. Illinois ..... 12-2	523
11. UCLA ..... 10-2	156	11. Oregon St. .... 9-2	520
12. Tulsa ..... 15-0	153	12. Wake Forest ..... 11-2	493
13. Wake Forest ..... 12-2	109	13. Tulsa ..... 15-0	455
14. Purdue ..... 11-3	95	14. St. John's ..... 11-3	324
15. Fresno State ..... 11-3	90	15. Louisiana St. .... 10-3	301
16. St. John's ..... 11-2	74	16. Boston College ..... 11-3	254
17. Oklahoma ..... 13-2	73	17. Fresno St. .... 11-3	244
18. LSU ..... 9-3	72	18. Memphis St. .... 11-3	228
19. Arkansas ..... 13-2	61	19. Purdue ..... 11-3	205
20. Boston College ..... 11-3	48	20. Oklahoma ..... 13-2	189

### game

Heels in a zone defense, Page hit a pair of jumpers from the outside, the last at the 5:45 mark to put the Wolfpack up 60-56.

When the three Tar Heel starters returned with 5:33 to play, North Carolina switched to man-to-man defense for the final assault.

"We felt we could keep it steady with those three out," Alley said. "We've used the bench all year, and we have confidence in them. We switched from zone to man-to-man when they came back in because they were killing us with outside shooting."

After scoring just two points in the first half, the Wolfpack's leading scorer, Linda Page, poured in 19 second-half points, including eight during the streak that gave the Wolfpack the lead, to take scoring honors with 21. Leake led the Tar Heels with 18, while Hammond added 16. Brown, the ACC's leading scorer coming into the game, finished with 12.

UNC coach Jennifer Alley said she had no play set up for the game's final seconds.

"I told them that whoever got the rebound and could dribble should go down and shoot it," Alley said. "We just told them that whoever got it should take it the length of the court and shoot it. The ball handler had to take it all the way."

"Pam's had trouble the past couple of weeks taking the ball up after dribbling

the ball up the court with speed, but the real competitive edge was there and the pressure was there. That was all natural. There was no thought involved."

Leake agreed.

"I wasn't really thinking about anything," she said. "I was coming up the court and I looked over at (UNC assistant) Kevin (Kane) and he said, 'Go down and shoot,' so I just went down and shot it. It felt good and it went in."

"We've run so many sprints that I know it takes five seconds to get down the court. I knew I'd have at least a second or so to shoot, so I didn't rush my shot."

"I was behind the goal when I shot it," Leake added. "I practice those all the time, but they never go in. But I was concentrating so hard it didn't really matter."

The Tar Heels' 4-0 mark in the ACC includes victories over Maryland, Virginia and N.C. State, all three of which have been ranked in the Top 20 this season. Still, North Carolina has yet to appear in the polls.

"I don't know what it will take to get us in the polls," Alley said. "The poll is a very prestigious thing, but it's also a very frustrating thing. Right now we are working just for self-pride. This win definitely gives our team a reaffirmed belief that they are a good team."

## Heels try to avoid let down

From staff and wire reports

The top-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels take on the Virginia Cavaliers at 9 tonight in Carmichael Auditorium in a game to be telecast by ESPN.

"I'm certainly concerned about a let-down," said UNC coach Dean Smith. The Tar Heels, 11-0, are coming off three consecutive ACC road wins. "I hope our players don't start listening to the nice things people are going to say about us," Smith said. "I remember last year when Virginia opened its ACC season with three wins on the road. They went home and we beat them, 101-95."

The Cavaliers are 11-1, the lone loss a 78-72 setback at the hands of Duke. Virginia has two freshmen in its starting lineup: 6-9 forward Tom Sheehy (10.8 points per game) and 6-11 center Olden Polynice (5.9 points a game). Othell Wilson and Rick Carlisle start at guard for the Cavaliers, while Jim Miller fills the other forward spot.

Virginia boasts balanced scoring: four players are averaging in double figures. But the high scorer for the Cavaliers, Wilson is averaging less than 15 points a game.

Sam Perkins, UNC's leading scorer, is scoring at a 17.7 points per game clip. Michael Jordan follows Perkins with a 15.3 average.

Polynice, Virginia's leading rebounder, averages five rebounds a game. Even though UVA has held its opponents to just 57.3 points a game, the Cavaliers will have to outdo themselves on the boards to have a chance of upsetting the Tar Heels, who are averaging 79.2 points a game.

Tonight's is the first meeting of the two teams since Ralph Sampson's graduation. "It's not gonna be less of a rivalry because of the fact that he (Sampson) is away," Perkins said.

Latham, N.Y. "In New York, people — because there are so many — let you have a private life. In New York they won't make a big thing."

"Here, if there's a few tickets they'll do so much to get a little ticket in the stands. Then they'll realize they spent so much and maybe the game didn't come out like they wanted. It's just one of those things. I won't ever understand."

Neither will a lot of people, Sam. But what Perkins obviously understands very well is basketball. And unless The Day After comes before the day of the NBA draft, Perkins will be sitting pretty in the professional ranks come next year.

"I dreamt about it (playing pro ball) when I was younger," he said. "I was a (New York) Knicks fan at the time."

Perkins sees something he's familiar with in the pros besides good basketball. "They don't have too much emotion. They make it look easy, but I know it's a hard profession."

After he's through with basketball, Perkins, an RTVMP major, would like to do commercials, "anything from cat litter on," he said. But for now, North Carolina's basketball team is all that matters.

And as far as that's concerned Perkins isn't the only one who's been getting emotional. "Everybody's been getting excited," he said. "I've been having fun because I know it's my senior year."

Besides intimidating opponents, Perkins' emotionalism is a way he shows his leadership. "If I see Matt (Doherty) or Brad (Daugherty) or Kenny Smith or Mike (Jordan) get fired up, it gets me fired up," he said.

"I guess they (the team) are used to seeing me do nothing. I guess they like it when I get excited."

Perkins has displayed his fist-clenching emotionalism for two straight games now. "As long as you see those teams coming after us I'll try to do as much as possible," he said.

Which means the cameramen will still be trying to chase down those 41-inch arms. But, Perkins reminds you, "a few inches here and there reaching a ball before it goes out of bounds helps. They're long and they're all right with me."

Perkins has used his arms in some fine — and inspired — play in the last five games, scoring 117 points for a 23.4 average in that stretch to remind everyone that there's only one Silent Sam on the UNC campus — and he never goes anywhere close to Carmichael Auditorium.

## Fencers disappointed, asking questions

By MIKE WATERS  
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When North Carolina's men's and women's fencing teams left for the United States Fencing Association's invitational tournament held in Chicago last weekend they hoped to answer the lingering question of where they ranked among the country's more powerful teams.

After three days of competition with most of the nation's elite fencers, the Tar Heels returned with only a few hints at what they might achieve at the NCAA tournament and a lot more questions about themselves.

Is the lack of consistency displayed by the men in the foil competition going to be a continuing problem?

Senior Amiel Rossabi paced the foil team with a third-place finish in the individual competition. On Sunday, however, the foil fencers dropped all three of their matches.

"It was a disappointing finish," coach Ron Miller said. "We fenced well against Penn State (a 5-0 loss) and fended well at times against Illinois (a 5-2 loss), but we fenced poorly with Northwestern (a 5-3 upset defeat)."

"I was real happy with my performance, but we didn't perform as well as we could have," Rossabi said. "To finish there was good, but I've got a lot of work to do."

What is one to make of the surprising performance by a sabre squad with several injured fencers?

The sabre team finished fifth in the team tournament, losing only to Pennsylvania in the first match on Sunday. Lonnie McCullough placed 12th in the individual competition, followed by Richard Hoile in 20th and Greg Burcher in 23rd.

"I thought he would do a little better actually," Miller said of McCullough's finish. "Greg fenced exceptionally well over the whole weekend."

While Hoile fenced with a nagging injury, Tony Sharpe was forced to sit out with his injury.

What happened to the epee team, considered to be the Tar Heels' most powerful division?

"It was disappointing that the epee team didn't get to the team competition, I'm sure they would have done well," Miller said.

Maybe it was the 18-hour drive to Chicago in just two vans, or perhaps it was the high level of competition, or maybe it was just dumb luck, but the epee squad missed out on the team tourney by a single touch.

"In the long run it might help us," Miller said. "They will work harder now, since they have something more to prove."

Can the women's foil continue to do as well as it did in Chicago, and can it get better?

This is a tough question to answer, but there's no doubt that the women did extremely well at times.

Karen Marnell placed 10th in the women's foil and Beth McMahon finished 19th as UNC came away with fifth-place honors in the team competition.

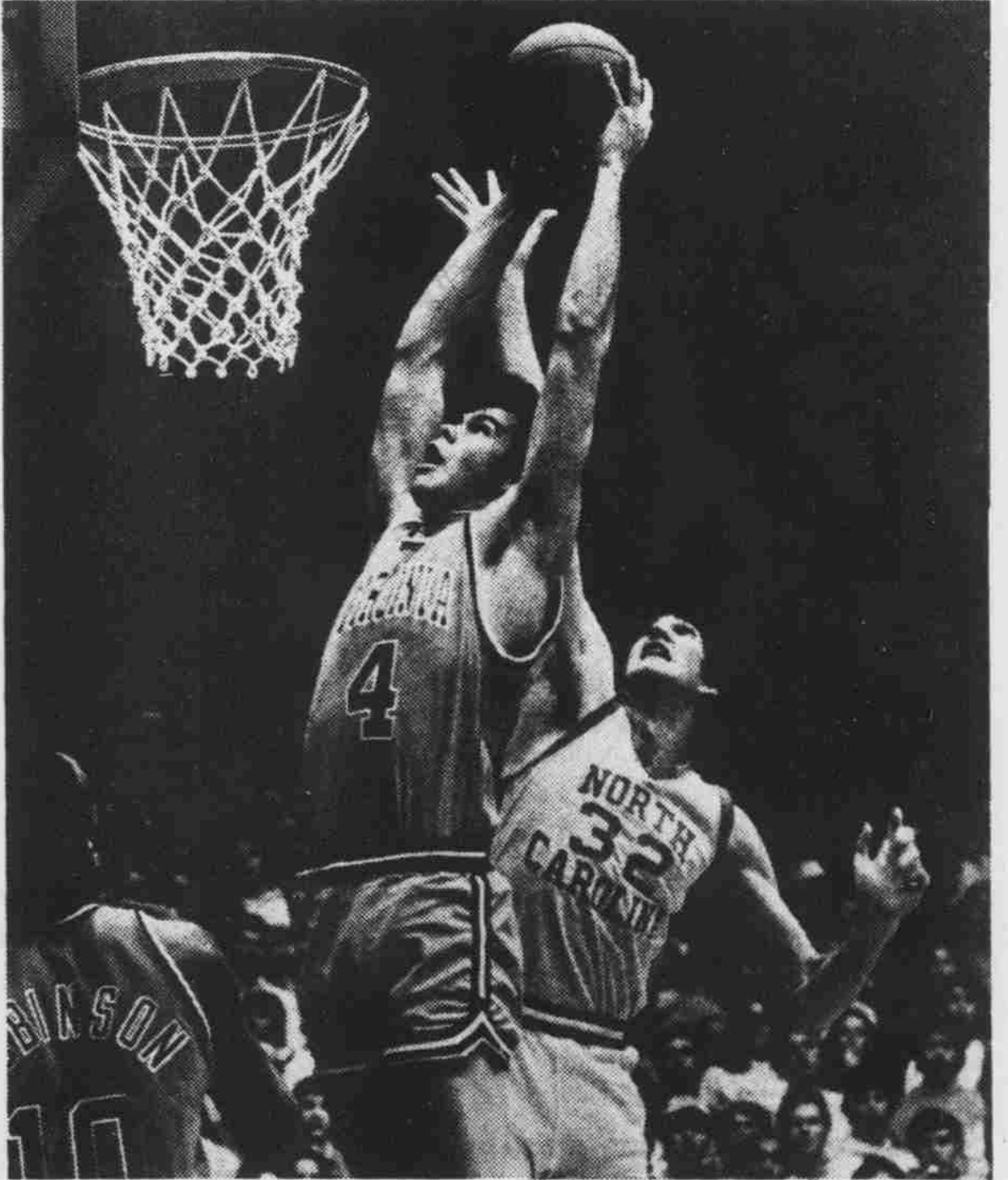
Marnell beat defending Olympic fencer Jana Angelakis of Penn State, 5-2, in an early round, and later defeated Sweden's Under-20-national-champion Pia Albertson of Notre Dame. Losses to Anne Richter of Ohio State, who finished second, and Mindy Wickich of Temple, who placed third, kept Marnell from moving up a couple of notches.

The tournament provided North Carolina with the opportunity to find out a little about its progress to this point in the season. And it pointed out some areas of concern that hadn't yet been detected.

"Overall we did very well," Miller said. "We had a legitimate shot at finishing first."

"Our strongest weapon (epee) didn't qualify for the team tournament, and in foil we didn't fence well in the team matches."

North Carolina travels to Raleigh tonight to challenge N.C. State in a dual meet. It should be a good match, judging from State's win over Duke in December. Miller will be looking at a whole different set of questions than he was just a week ago.



DTW/Charles Ledford

Virginia forward Jim Miller is one of the Cavaliers' many weapons now that Ralph is out of the picture.

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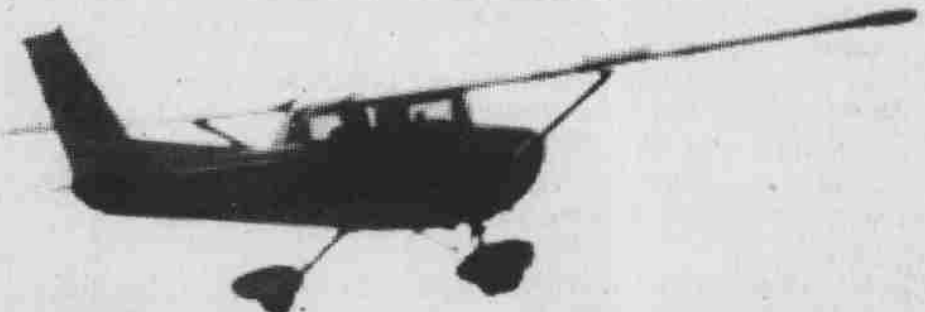
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