

College Basketball	Wake Forest	75	Iowa	67	Georgetown	59	Arizona	75	Louisville	92	Oklahoma	109	
	Duke	71	Purdue	66	Connecticut	55	Villanova	67	UNLV	74	Iowa State	100	
Clemson	77	Illinois	103	Syracuse	99	Wisconsin	71	Kentucky	66	Stanford	84	Providence	96
W. Carolina	60	Georgia Tech	92	Notre Dame	87	Michigan	68	Tennessee	65	UCLA	75	Pittsburgh	81

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Tar Heels nip State, tie for ACC lead

Winning on the hill not for Coach V

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No one had to remind Jim Valvano that he was still O-for-Chapel Hill as he stepped up to the mike for Saturday's postgame press conference. In fact, he immediately brought the subject up himself.

"It's *deja vu* all over again," Valvano said. "Nine times; it's a bit familiar."

Since taking over the N.C. State basketball program before the 1980-81 season, Valvano has steadily built the Wolfpack into consistent national contenders. Under his tutelage State has grabbed two Atlantic Coast Conference tournament titles, regular weekly Top 20 votes and, of course, the 1983 NCAA championship.

During that span Valvano's teams have beaten North Carolina four times, twice in Raleigh and twice more at the ACC Tourney. But on his annual forays into Blue Heaven, the thick-accented Brooklynier has tasted persistent disappointment.

This year Valvano and company were given an even better chance than usual to finally score a breakthrough against the jinx. State was up, having won its last 10 games, including thrashings of Temple and Georgia Tech.

What's more, all the recent talk over Peter Golenbock's forthcoming book, "Personal Fouls", and the accompanying allegations of corruption in Valvano's Camelot had served to bring a close-knit Wolfpack group even closer together.

On the other side of the scorer's table things seemed even more promising for the visitors. It was a reasonable assumption that the Tar Heels might be ready for a letdown: after all, they were coming off an emotional 20-point blowout of Duke just three days earlier. And senior guard Jeff Lebo, the team's only consistent long-range shooting threat, was still out with a bum ankle.

There would be no UNC letdown Saturday, however. The Tar Heels were moderately sharp from the start, keeping State gunner Rodney Monroe in check and forcing talented forward Chucky Brown out of his normal game flow.

In the end UNC nearly succeeded in wasting a 10-point lead in the final 47 seconds. But Brown's hurried three-point attempt off Scott Williams' inadvertent assist bounced off the back rim, allowing the Tar Heels to escape — again — with a 84-81 victory.

"They are a very good basketball team, certainly the best we've played so far," Valvano said. "They pounce on you. They keep coming at you. I was very proud of our guys because they kept coming back, but if (the Tar Heels) shoot the ball well, they are a very difficult team to beat."

Brown, a senior, most closely shared the disappointment of his coach.

"It seems like we have them every year and we just let them go," Brown said. "Last year we came pretty close, and again this year. One of these years State is going to come over here and win."

Maybe. Maybe not.

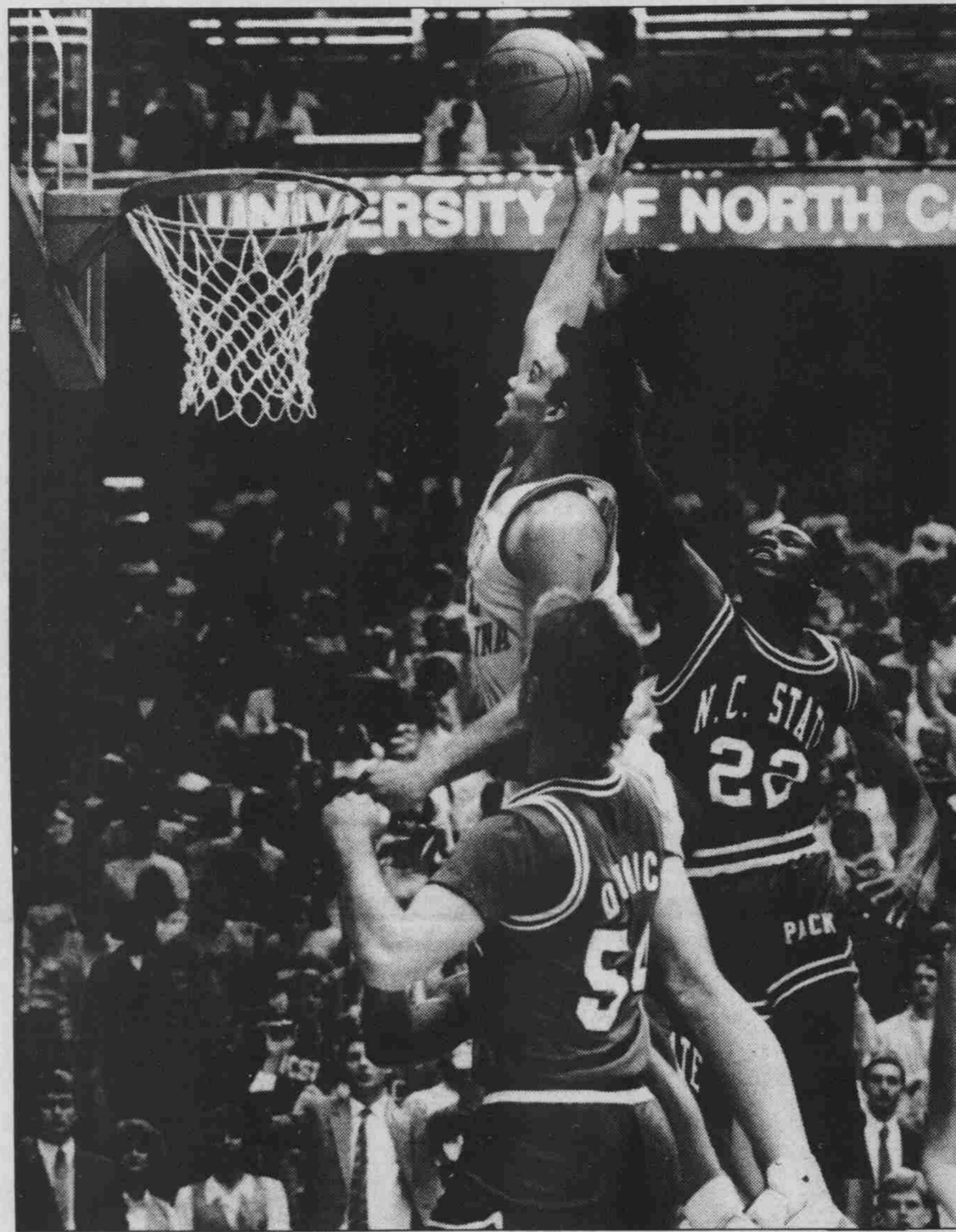
The last time the red-and-white danced on the state of North Carolina outline at center court was 1976, when Norm Sloan was coaching the Wolfpack and Kenny Carr was filling the air with jumpers.

"The more you win the harder it is to lose, and the more you lose the harder it is to win," said Valvano, one of America's foremost uncrowned psychologists.

State's streak of futility is up to 13 years, prompting a half-joking Valvano to say, "I wish Dean wouldn't do that to me. I can just see him in the huddle. 'OK, Chilcutt throw it to Williams, Williams throw it right to Brown, preferably inside the three-point line.'"

"Heck, I'm almost glad it (Brown's shot) didn't go in. I don't think I could have taken another five minutes of that."

And certainly not another nine years.



UNC's Pete Chilcutt skies above N.C. State's Brian D'Amico (54) and Brian Howard (22) for a rebound

UNC survives late Wolfpack run, holds on for 84-81 victory

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Did you ever know a really annoying pest that you could never get rid of? Every time you thought he was gone for good, he kept coming back. Did you ever know one of those? Huh?

The 13th-ranked UNC men's basketball team got reacquainted with one of those pests on Saturday in the Smith Center — in the form of the 15th-ranked N.C. State Wolfpack. The Wolfpack came to Blue Heaven riding a 10-game winning streak and leading the ACC with a 3-0 record.

On Saturday, N.C. State kept coming back and coming back as the Tar Heel lead bounced between two and nine points for most of the game. Amazingly, the Wolfpack almost managed to erase a 10-point deficit in the final 47 seconds and got off a shot that would have sent the game into overtime.

But when Chucky Brown's three-point attempt with two seconds left in the game bounced off the rim, the Tar Heels — and the 21,444 fans in attendance — sighed as UNC escaped from the fray with an 84-81 win and a first place tie in the frantic ACC race before a national television audience.

The win advanced UNC's record to 16-3, 3-1 in the ACC. NCSU dropped to 12-2 and 3-1.

North Carolina, playing minus injured senior guard Jeff Lebo, used a well-balanced attack to beat NCSU in a sloppy game that was marred by 38 turnovers and 45 fouls. King Rice, Kevin Madden, and Steve Bucknall led UNC with 14 points apiece.

But Bucknall had perhaps the best game. With Lebo out, the 6-foot-6 senior took over as the Tar Heels' long range bomber. He swished 4-of-8 from outside the arc, led the team with eight assists, and snared five

rebounds. "If they leave me wide open and give me two or three seconds to set myself, which they did, I'll hit the three-pointer," Bucknall said.

State coach Jim Valvano agreed that Bucknall's success spelled the Wolfpack's demise. The State coach saw this early when Bucknall hit two long-range bombs in a row in the opening minutes. "I knew we were in trouble when Bucknall's first shot went up to section K, came down, and went in," Coach V laughed.

Rice, coming off his second good offensive game in a row, also played a large role in the win. Rice matched his career-high 14 points for the second time this week. "I'm playing well, and I'm playing with more confidence. Now everyone's yelling 'shoot' when I get the ball," Rice said.

The offensive scheme on the other side of the court was a bit different. State was led by Brian Howard's 20 points, while Rodney Monroe chipped in 17. Monroe, State's leading scorer at 22.2 points per game, was a disappointment. The sophomore guard was only 7-of-23 from the field, including a dismal 2-of-11 from beyond 19'.

Howard, on the other hand, sparked the Wolfpack, nailing two three-pointers during the 9-2 run in the final two minutes that brought the Wolfpack within three points.

With just over a minute to go, UNC finally looked like they had the pests vanquished with an 82-72 lead. But then State's Chris Corchiani hit a three-pointer to cut the lead to seven. After Rice missed the front end of a one-and-one, Howard nailed two three-pointers in a row to bring the score to 82-80.

After two Bucknall free throws put the Tar Heels up 84-80, Rick Fox fouled State's Avic Lester with six

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Tar Heels' depth shines at Hilton Invitational

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The North Carolina men's and women's track teams used their own Joe Hilton Invitational as a proving ground Friday. After a shaky first meet, the Tar Heels rebounded with some impressive performances and demonstrated their depth against the nine-team field.

No team scores were kept in the meet, which allowed coaches to experiment. UNC head coach Dennis Craddock's main concern was to prepare his team for the important Kodak Invitational next weekend.

Because he rested most of his big guns, many Carolina athletes who don't see action in the larger meets were able to compete. Fortunately for Carolina fans, the talent level didn't drop off significantly.

"We had some impressive field events," Craddock said.

The Tar Heels' domination of this area was led by the highly-touted women's team. In the shotput, sophomore Debbie Mann threw 41-8 to take the title. She was followed by teammates Kelly Joyce and Janene McClure, as UNC claimed six of the top nine spots.

Junior Marta Thacker jumped 5-8 to win the high jump with fewer misses than her competition. North Carolina also claimed third through fifth as Tisha Waller, Kendra Mackey, and Nicky Hudson all jumped 5-8.

The Tar Heels swept the top three spots in the triple jump. Junior Kim Austin jumped 40-3 and was followed by Waller and Penny Blackwell.

The women completed their rout with the long jump. Sophomore Sharon Couch won with a jump of 20-6 3/4, her second consecutive NCAA qualifying performance. Austin, Blackwell, and Tracy Cooke claimed the next three places.

Couch continued what has already been an outstanding year by winning the 55-meter hurdles in 7.92 seconds. Austin and Cooke took second and

third. "We expected her to be in good shape, but already qualifying in two events is great," Craddock said. "She came back early from break and worked individually with the coaches which really helped."

Not to be outdone, the men's team dominated the throwing events and the pole vault. Senior Tim Goad won the 35-pound weight throw (48-0), while Sean Murray and Haris Meaders took second and fourth.

Goad also won the shotput, with Meaders placing second. Technically, however, Goad's throw is still up in the air. The NCAA has yet to process the eligibility papers for Goad, who plays professional football for the New England Patriots. When they do, the 59-10 effort will be both a school record and an NCAA qualifying mark.

Tar Heel vaulters claimed the top four spots, lead by senior Tim Swaim (15-6). He was backed by teammates Dennis McGorty, Maxwell Thompson, and Ben Huggins.

"He's vaulting the best of his career," Craddock said of Swaim.

Craddock has also been impressed with the early work of junior Clive Harriott. He was the runner-up in the 440 and led the mile relay team to a second place finish.

For the women, Mia Pollard edged Shelby Moorman in a photo finish of the 440. Both returned to key the victorious mile relay team.

In the distance events, junior Simi Batra finished second in the 880, while Chris Kendrick and Dan Howat took second and third in the mile.

Senior Chrissa Nicholas keyed the women's effort in both the mile, where they claimed the top six spots, and the victorious two-mile relay. Craddock had previously criticized the team's work habits over the Christmas holiday and Nicholas agreed.

"I came back in good shape, but I didn't think I was ready to race last

week (in Virginia)," she said. "I was happy with today, but I'm concentrating on next weekend."

Nicholas was not the only Tar Heel rounding into shape. Senior Paul Cummings was disappointed in his fourth place showing in the 880.

"I haven't raced in a month, so I guess I'll have to take it," he said.

Right now, Nicholas and Cum-

ings, along with the rest of the Tar Heels, are focused on next weekend's Kodak Invitational. Then, the Tar Heels will have to be more than ready, as they travel to Johnson City, Tennessee, for their biggest test so far this season.

Besides the tough competition, the meet will allow UNC to compete at the site of the ACC championships.

Terps rout UNC women, 93-59

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It was as if someone switched the storyline between the men's and women's basketball teams. On January 11, the UNC men's basketball team, ranked No. 8 at the time, taught a younger, less-experienced Maryland Terrapin team a thing or two about the sport of basketball.

Saturday night, the eighth-ranked Maryland women's team returned the favor, soundly defeating the North Carolina women's basketball team, 93-59.

Olympic gold-medalist forward Vicki Bullett led all scorers with 29 points for the Terps. North Carolina's LeAnn Kennedy led the Tar Heels with 22 points. Maryland improved its record to a hearty 13-2, 4-1 in the ACC, while UNC lost its second consecutive ACC game, dropping the Tar Heels' record to 9-8, 1-3 in the ACC.

Though the Tar Heels gave 100 percent effort throughout the game, it was apparent from the start that they were no match for the Terrapins. UNC generously turned the ball over four times in the first two minutes, helping Maryland to an early 8-0 lead.

North Carolina's Tanya Lamb scored the first UNC points with a three-point bomb at the 17:15 mark. Lamb's tray shaved the Maryland lead to 8-3, but that was as close as

the game would get.

"Maryland showed us how to do it tonight," said UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell. "In the first half, they shot 80 percent from the floor. They're a great team and they played a great game tonight."

The Terps shot 69.4 percent for the game, thanks mainly to the sharp-shooting Bullett. The 6-foot-3 forward connected on 11 of 13 attempts from the field in the opening 20 minutes, and finished 14-of-17 for the game. Bullett ended the first half with an amazing 23 points. She saw only limited play in the second half to bring her total to 29.

"I had (Bullett) this summer on the Olympic team. She's an awesome athlete," said Hatchell, who helped coach the U.S. women's basketball team to a gold last summer in Seoul. "We tried to pack it in (on defense) because we knew that was their strength. But we just couldn't stop her in the first half."

UNC had problems other than Bullett to be concerned about, though. One problem was named Deanna Tate. Tate, a 5-foot-8 senior from Gastonia, finished with 20 points, playing flawless basketball for the Terps. Whether she was making an entry pass to Bullett, slashing through the lane or playing tough pressure defense, Tate was making life miserable for the Tar Heels.

"It's one of the top facilities in the nation," Nicholas said.

After his initial criticism, Craddock praised the teams' efforts in the difficult practices last week.

"They must have done more than I thought (over break), otherwise they couldn't have done those workouts," he said. "They were tired this week, but we'll rest them some next week."

Rebounding was the third major headache for the homestanding Tar Heels. UNC claimed only six rebounds in the first half and had no one with more than five rebounds in the game.

But all is not lost. There was a bright spot or two for the UNC team. The first and brightest shine came the freshman Kennedy. Kennedy was a do-it-all player. She hit two three-pointers, converted many offensive rebounds into baskets, and filled the lane nicely on the fast break.

"I thought LeAnn Kennedy had a great game for us," Hatchell said. "She's going to be a great player and have a great career here before she's finished."

The second bright spot for North Carolina had to be the team's youth. UNC started three freshmen — Kennedy, Emily Johnson, and Dawn Bradley — and they all earned valuable experience, as did the other underclassmen. Unfortunately for the team, they had to learn in a 34-point loss.

But much of the season still lies ahead, and the UNC women's team will have many chances to bounce back in the next few weeks. The Tar Heels started a five-game homestand against Maryland on Saturday. The homestand continues Tuesday night when the team hosts N.C. State at 7:30 p.m. in Carmichael Auditorium.