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Chilcutt schools UVa. frontcourt

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seconds left in regulation and Stith's four fouls forced him into a more timid role in overtime.

Rice's final numbers read 14 points and 8 assists — far from spectacular and yet enough to help the Tar Heels to their 11th straight victory.

"This is a league game on somebody else's floor," Rice said. "If we can get one or two of these I think that puts us ahead, because not many teams are going to win here."

As regulation wound down, the Tar Heels looked as if they would suffer the same fate Duke had in an upset loss to the Cavs the week before.

A 3-point bomb from Crotty followed by a Stith slam and two Crotty free throws brought UVa. from a 63-62 deficit to a 69-64 advantage with just 2:10 to play.

But UNC clawed back to 70-68 and had a chance to tie when Stith fouled the Tar Heels' Hubert Davis going after a loose ball.

UNC pressured the Cavs in the backcourt, and Fox reached in on Crotty for his fifth foul with :51 to play.

Rice took his time on UNC's next possession, starting down Crotty before licking his chops and driving in. He launched a playground-style underhand scoop shot five feet from the hoop, and the ball somehow found the net to tie the score at 71, where it stayed for the final 31 seconds.

Stith opened the first overtime period with a three-point play on a driving layup and a foul by George Lynch. But UNC battled back again, tying the score at 74 on a free throw by Chilcutt and going ahead when Rice blew by Crotty for a layup.

Chilcutt seemed to ice the game when he sank two more free throws with 28 seconds left, giving UNC a 78-75 lead. But Crotty's 3-point prayer over Lynch put five more minutes on the clock.

"We were going to going to try not to let him (Crotty) have three, and George was all over him," Smith said.

The teams tied at 80, 84 and 86 in the second overtime before Rice's jumper proved the difference. The play, "44p," was a staple in UNC's offense down the stretch.

"He has a choice," Smith said. "He can go to one of the two big men. If they're fronted, then if he misses we should have inside position. We ran that a lot after we lost Fox."

Fox's 21 points and 9-of-13 shooting powered the Tar Heels to as much as a seven-point lead in regulation. But the Cavaliers constantly countered UNC's size and depth advantage.

The 'Hoos heaved up 28 3-point attempts to UNC's 10, sinking only seven but sinking them in the right places. Crotty alone was 5 of 11 from beyond the semicircle.

UNC 89, Virginia 86

UNC (89) and VIRGINIA (86) stats table with columns for min, m-a, m-t, o-t, a, pf, tp.

TOTALS 250 32-69 23-35 13-43 16 21 88. Percentages — FG .464, FT .657, 3-point goals — 2-10, .200 (Davis 0-4, Fox 2-4, Rice 0-1, Harris 0-1). Team rebounds — 13. Blocked Shots — 6 (Lynch 2, Fox, Chilcutt, Harris, Montross). Turnovers — 14 (Lynch 4, Fox 3, Rice 3, Montross, Rödl, Reese, Rozier). Steals — 6 (Lynch 2, Fox, Chilcutt, Harris, Rice).

PERCENTAGES table for UNC and VIRGINIA.

PERCENTAGES — FG .400, FT .657, 3-point goals — 7-28, .250 (Crotty 5-11, Turner 2-9, Stith 0-5, Johnson 0-1, Blundin 0-1, Oliver 0-1). Team rebounds — 3. Blocked Shots — 4 (Turner 2, Stith 2). Turnovers — 18 (Stith 6, Turner 3, Jeffries 2, Oliver 2, Blundin 2, Crotty). Steals — 6 (Turner 2, Stith 2, Crotty, Johnson).

Technical Fouls — Virginia bench. Attendance — 8,864.

Terps' Williams breaks leg vs. Duke

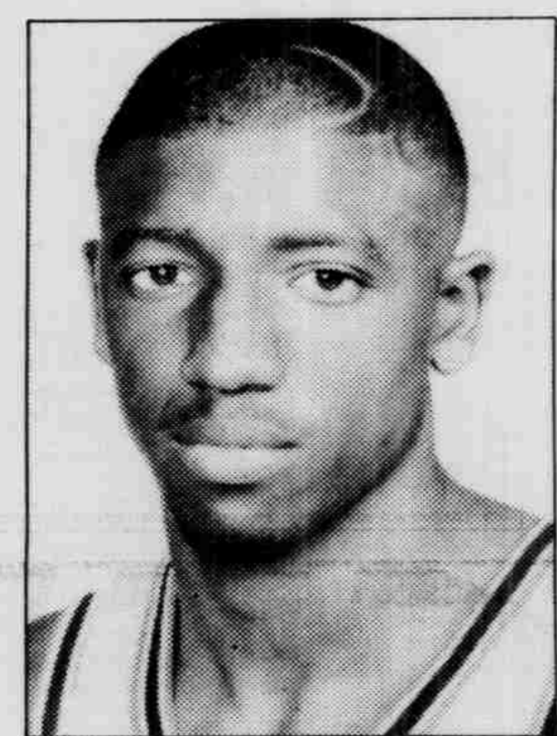
From Associated Press reports

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland guard Walt Williams, the team-leader in scoring, assists and steals, will miss at least four weeks with a fractured left fibula, team officials said Sunday.

Williams injured his leg early in Saturday's Atlantic Coast Conference game against Duke. He returned to play in the first half and started the second half, but was forced to leave with just over 12 minutes remaining in the Terrapins' 94-78 loss.

Team trainer J.J. Bush said Williams' leg will be placed in a cast on Monday. Bush said Williams, a 6-foot-8 junior, did not do any further damage to the limb by playing on it after suffering the injury because the fibula is not a weight-bearing bone.

"I hope this will heal quickly and I'll be able to get back out there," Williams said in a statement. "I'm disappointed for sure, but I know the team will continue to do well."



Walt Williams

and the subsequent departure of frontcourt sensation Jerrod Mustaf and

two other players, the Terrapins have been a surprise success this season.

They have beaten Rutgers, South Carolina and Atlantic Coast Conference foe Clemson in compiling an 8-6 record.

Williams said he sustained the injury when someone accidentally kicked him. Maryland coach Gary Williams didn't want to put him back in the lineup, but Walt Williams, a fierce competitor, said he talked the coach into letting him try it.

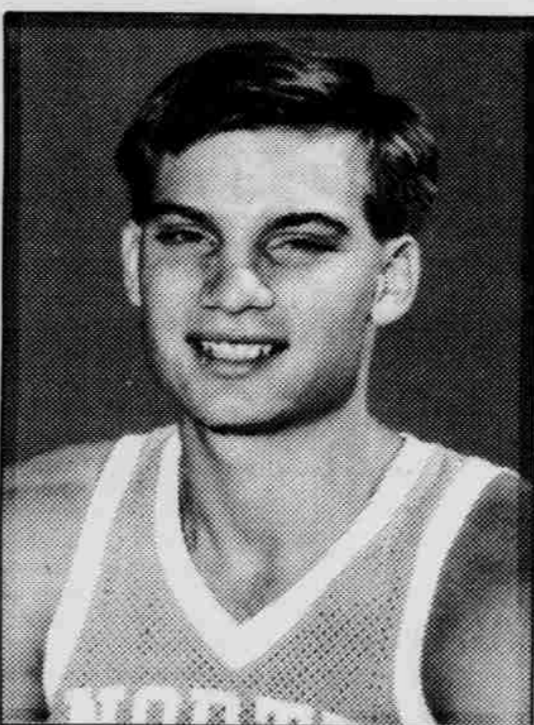
Coach Williams said he was yet not sure who would take Williams' place in the lineup when the Terrapins play Virginia on Wednesday.

"You can't replace a Walt Williams with just one player," he said. "This team owes a lot to Walt Williams and we can show him how much we appreciate what he has done for us all season by going out and playing hard as a team."

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Pete Chilcutt

"All I could do was play good defense. He was on tonight ... very much so."

"On? You bet he was. Chilcutt hit 9 of 14 shots after the first half. In a 15:53 span in the second half, the 6-foot-10, 232-pounder scored 16 points and continued to pound the boards."

17:52 left in regulation: a 17-footer from the baseline to give UNC a 39-34 cushion.

17:20: a tough baseline turnaround with Jeffries defending for a 41-34 lead.

16:20: a turnaround jumper in the lane to hold on to a seven-point bulge.

10:57: a difficult 12-foot turnaround to put UNC up 51-46.

8:48: a rebound of a King Rice miss for a 55-50 advantage.

5:12: a steal and layup to give the lead back to UNC, 61-60.

4:13: with Jeffries all over him, a five-foot turnaround bank shot, forging UNC in front, 63-62.

1:59: forcing contact and a foul by Jeffries (his fifth); hits the two free throws, pulling UNC to within three of Virginia at 69-66.

"I definitely felt, especially in the second half, that I was playing pretty well," Chilcutt said. "I was just playing

with confidence as I have lately. The guards were able to get it inside to me, and I was able to convert."

While Chilcutt spoke of the game's events as if he were dreaming, UNC head coach Dean Smith didn't seem at all surprised at Chilcutt's sudden second-half outburst.

"Chilcutt can score," Smith said. "He's really improved a lot. We really like his inside game."

Smith continued to enjoy it when, with 3:21 left in the first overtime, Chilcutt, after a Kenny Turner foul, canned one freebie to knot the score at 74. His two charity-strike swishes with 28 ticks remaining in the opening OT gave UNC a 78-75 lead.

Although Chilcutt says he's never been at the line late in a game (he did, however, hit a 16-footer in the waning seconds of his first game as a Tar Heel, causing overtime and eventual victory over Syracuse in 1987), Smith said he felt confident any player would feel comfortable taking the clutch shot.

"I think every one of our guys can say, 'I can shoot a foul shot when the game's on the line.'"

In the second overtime, with the game still anyone's to win, Chilcutt gave UNC a four-point margin on a jump hook from right baseline. After two baskets by the Cavaliers, Chilcutt's turnaround on the left baseline put UNC up 86-84 with 1:15 left.

UVa. point guard John Crotty, who led all scorers with 29 points, said Chilcutt's mix of finesse and force is lethal.

"Chilcutt played a great game," Crotty said. "The fact that he can hit the turnaround with his size — that's a deadly combination."

A pair of Crotty free throws tied the game, and after some King Rice heroics, UNC left the floor with a win fueled by two senior leaders. Yes, Rice stole the show in the end, but it was Chilcutt who put on a show for everyone — especially Virginia head coach Jeff Jones and his Wahos — to remember.

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