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UNC smashes Duke for ACC title, 96-74

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CHARLOTTE—The moment Duke stepped onto the Charlotte Coliseum court for last Sunday's ACC Tournament final, King Rice knew he wasn't looking at the same Blue Devil team that had beaten the Tar Heels twice during the regular season.

"When a team comes out you can just see in their eyes and in their faces how much they really want it," Rice said. Rice probed Duke visages, specifically that of counterpart Bobby Hurley, and saw nothing but blank stares. So the senior point guard licked his chops, fired up his teammates, and turned those stares into grimaces as UNC pummeled the Blue Devils, 96-74, in the most lopsided tournament final since 1968.

The outcome shocked most of the 23,532 on hand, including UNC coach Dean Smith, who was rather awed by Duke's 93-72 dismantling of N.C. State the day before.

"I saw Duke yesterday and against us last week in Chapel Hill, and I thought they were practically unbeatable," Smith said. "But this game does strange things."

Smith will have to double up on one of his pinkies to accommodate his 12th ACC championship ring. Four UNC players — seniors Rice, Rick Fox and Pete Chilcutt and junior Hubert Davis — earned their second piece of ACC jewelry.

But they were just young 'uns when the Tar Heels took the title in 1989. In 1991, all four earned all-tournament recognition as UNC's elder statesmen and primary weapons.

Fox was named tournament MVP after totalling 52 points and 27 rebounds in victories against Clemson, Virginia and Duke. He pulled down a career-high 15 boards in Saturday's semifinal against Virginia, and he blitzed the Blue Devils for 25 points on 10-of-16 shooting. His scoring and rebounding totals led all tournament players.

Davis joined Fox on the first team after scoring 17 points against Duke and nailing 7 of 11 3-point attempts on the weekend. Rice and Chilcutt were the leading vote-getters on the second team.

The Tar Heels trudged their way into Sunday's final with rather incomplete efforts in the first two rounds. They fell behind 12 points to seventh-seeded Clemson Friday before coming to their senses and pulling out a 67-59 victory. And after dominating Virginia in the first half of Saturday's semifinal, UNC allowed the Cavs a 61-61 tie with 4:29 to play before winning 76-71.

"The Clemson game was a wakeup call," Fox said. "We were lucky to still be here. We came prepared to play Virginia, but we learned a lesson from the second half that we need to keep up the intensity."

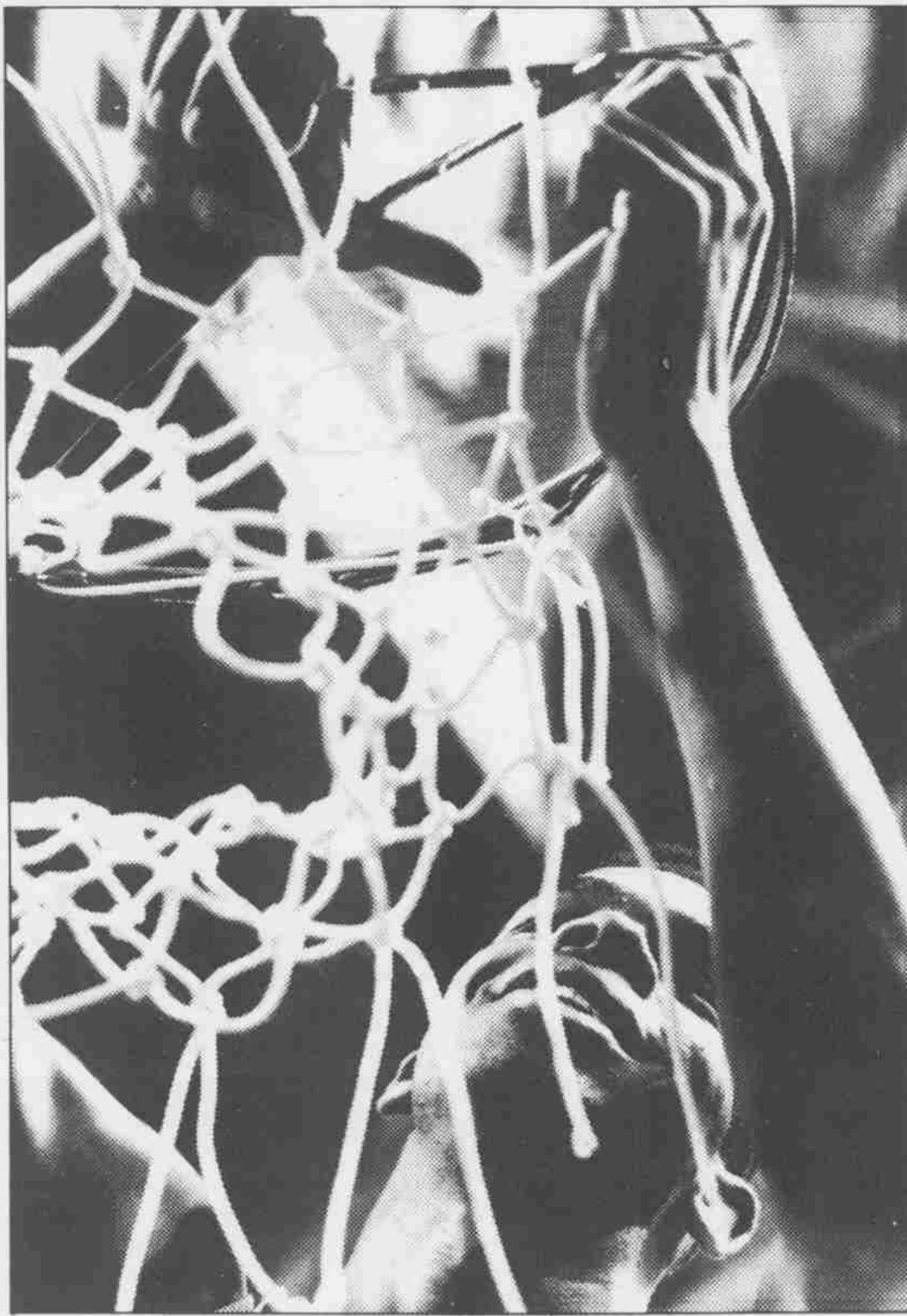
If intensity was the buzz word Sunday, then the Tar Heels buzzed for the full 40 minutes, a feat they had not accomplished in 29 previous games. "When we play like this, I feel like nobody can beat us," freshman point guard Derrick Phelps said.

UNC blazed out to an 11-2 lead in the first five minutes, and the margin grew steadily throughout the game.

"North Carolina seized control of the game from the very beginning," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

UNC built its edge with quickness, rebounding and solid outside shooting — areas in which the Blue Devils figured to have the advantage. On the defensive end, the Tar Heels continued to unveil their newest twist — the zone.

Against Clemson and Virginia, Smith had reluctantly given way to the point zone and sagging man-to-man defenses whenever the Tigers and Cavs began to hurt the Tar Heels with quickness. Sunday, the zone was part of Smith's plan from the start, and the Blue Devils never adjusted to UNC's new look. The Tar Heels pounced on every early Duke mistake, capitalizing on six Blue Devil turnovers in the first 4:20.



UNC's Hubert Davis smiles as he cuts down the nets after the Tar Heels' ACC triumph

"I think we just surprised them, and we got a big lead," Rice said. "When a team gets you down like that, you start pressing. If you hit the first couple, then

you get back into it. But they were missing the shots early."

Rice regained the edge in his two-year war with Hurley, turning in a near-perfect performance. He scored 12 points, dished out seven assists and committed no turnovers. Meanwhile, Hurley's two points equaled the scoring output of the Tar Heels' Scott Cherry, and his three turnovers in the first four minutes set an ominous tone for the Blue Devils.

"We've had certain points of the year where we just haven't come out hungry, and we haven't played defense or played together," Hurley said. "We did that at Virginia. We did that at Wake, and we did it again today. If you're going to be a great basketball team, you need to have that hunger and do that every game."

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got five of his 20 saves. Adelphi fired 11 shots at the Tar Heels goal, netting one and having five smothered by Piazza.

"We gave up some goals on the extra-man situation," Klarmann said. "That bothers me. But as a unit, we're sliding pretty well. The team is not standing around and watching guys get burned one-on-one. As long as everyone is trying and making the effort to help out, that's team defense. We're not going to overpower people one-on-one. We've got to play together."

The fourth quarter was the other end of the spectrum — an offensive showcase for the players who may not play much except during a blowout. Tar Heels Webster, Donnie McNichol, Dan Donnelly, Ryan Wade, Jon Speers and Rick Codd all scored. The Panthers tallied three times on UNC backup goalie Billy Daye to account for the final score.

On March 9, the UNC lacrosse team ended the fourth-longest win streak in college lacrosse history. The Tar Heels handed the No. 1 Syracuse Orangemen a 10-3 loss in front of 2,500 fans at Fetzer Field. Thomas had three goals and one assist. Goldstein had two goals and three assists. Donnelly added two goals, and Eric Seremet, Steve Muir and Webster tallied one apiece.

UNC scored the first five goals of the contest and cruised to the win.

Piazza played the entire game and had 16 saves while allowing only three goals. The defense held the Orangemen attack scoreless in the first period, the first time Syracuse had been shut out in 114 quarters. The three goals were the fewest Syracuse has scored in a game since 1975.

Tournament provides a wealth of interesting info

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — As North Carolina plowed its way through to the Sweet Sixteen over the weekend, many of the other squads who made the trip to Syracuse provided some food for thought.

The Carrier Dome and the city of Syracuse drew mixed reactions from many players and coaches who visited. Even two members of the UCLA Bruins, handed an early exit by Penn State, couldn't agree.

On the one hand, Bruin senior Keith Owens said the Carrier dome was "kind of like a great basketball monument of the East."

But junior Gerald Madkins was less impressed with the Syracuse environment. Both the city and the campus seem to be stuck somewhere between the old and the new, each containing a hodge-podge of architectural styles that together present a rather schizophrenic landscape. Add in slimy weather and Jim Boehm, and the place seems to have few redeeming qualities.

Indeed, when asked why he thought so many Southern California basketball players wound up at Syracuse — Orangemen LeRon Ellis, Mike Hopkins and Scott McCorkle all hail from the Los Angeles area — Madkins was at a loss. "I just wonder what those guys see when they get out here on their recruiting trips," he said.

UCLA coach Jim Harrick, sitting next to Madkins at the time, muttered, "typical California remark."

Just to pick on Boehm a wee bit more, after the second-seeded Orangemen had been knocked out by Richmond the night before, some heady fan in the Carrier Dome Friday held up a sign that read: "Welcome back, Boehm."

UCLA's Don MacLean has to be a frontrunner for the Whining-Brat-of-the-Tournament award.

MacLean, a 6-foot-10 junior and the Bruins leading scorer, found himself riding the bench for five minutes against Penn State after drawing his fourth foul with 14:45 left in the game.

The Nittany Lions went on to stun the Bruins, 74-69, and MacLean preferred to focus his post-game comments on the officiating, which he believed kept him from being a factor in the game.

"It's a shame that you work your whole life to get to this tournament, and three guys take it away from you," he said.

But Mac seems to have forgotten that, after hitting 6 of 7 shots in the first half, he took just three more in the second period, even though he did play 15 of the 20 minutes. And his three second-half points were hardly the contribution UCLA needed from one who averages 24 a game.

That's not officiating, folks.

The most headline-prone first-round game had to be Eastern Michigan's 76-56 shocker against Mississippi State. During the first half,

play was stopped suddenly when EMU point guard Lorenzo Neely vomited on the court.

Neely apparently did not care for the breakfast served up at his hotel, so he ate just fruit and juice before the 12:25 p.m. game. Unfortunately, the Carrier Dome crowd — and many of you watching at home — got a rather unsightly look at Neely's meager breakfast when it appeared just to the left of the free throw line.

"I don't think he wants to throw up on T.V. anymore," Huron coach Ben Braun said.

But the Hurons went on to knock off the fifth-seeded Bulldogs, and Neely, who returned to the game, poured in 17 points and had seven rebounds and five assists.

The headline, you ask? "Eastern Michigan upsets stomach, Mississippi State"

You gotta feel for coach Pete Carril and his Princeton Tiger team, last-second losers to Villanova in Friday's first round. A perennial "almost giant-killer," Carril has brought his overmatched Ivy Leaguers to the brink of upset each of the past three years, but each time the impossible has slipped away.

In 1989, the Tigers' patented deliberate style nearly stunned top-seeded Georgetown before the Hoyas eked out a 50-49 win. And last year, Princeton threatened Final Four-bound Arkansas but lost 68-64.

Friday night, the Tigers led by as many as 10 against the Wildcats before Lance Miller's buzzer-beating eight-footer gave Villanova the 50-48 victory.

"This stuff looks like it's ordained," Carril said.

Walking out of the interview room, Carril added a parting shot as he watched his players head in the other direction for the required drug test. "I don't have to be drug-tested, do I?" the 59-year-old coach said. "That's the next thing that'll happen to me."

Dean Smith and his players scoff at the statement that, due to the East Region's slew of upsets, UNC has a clear path to the Final Four. But consider this: If UNC beats Eastern Michigan Friday, the Tar Heels could find themselves in the Final Eight without having played a Top 25 team. And if Temple beats Oklahoma State, UNC, ranked fourth in the final Associated Press poll, could make it all the way to Indianapolis without facing a ranked team.

Does it get much clearer? Eastern Michigan may be only team in the nation to have twin starters. Carl and Charles Thomas look identical, have virtually identical stats — 13.8 ppg and 4.5 rpg for Carl, 10.4 and 4.3 for Charles — and differ by one inch in height and five pounds in weight.

The two seniors, both Communications majors, hail from Everett High School in Lansing, Mich. Knowing this, if Carl was having a hot shooting night but ran into foul trouble in the first half, would he and Charles switch jerseys at halftime? Would it work?

Griffin

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being fired. Griffin said he received the highest ratings possible on evaluations before he filed the first grievance.

"It was a chance to discredit me so I could be fired," Griffin said. "They could have gotten me fired."

McSurely said the second grievance

was proceeding to Step 3 and that he was confident that the committee would rule in favor of Griffin at that stage.

"The problem is that there was no real investigation (at Step 2)," he said.

At Step 2, it was determined that there had been no retaliation against Griffin, McSurely said.

Calvin and Hobbes



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