Super 'Nova shoots into Chapel Hill with upset in mind

After eight games, their worst start in 60 years and losses to three preseason Top 25 teams, the Villanova Wildcats had already seen a Spectrum of emotions and a Rainbow of opponents.

The beginning of Villanova's upand-down season started strictly on the decline. The Wildcats dropped their first three games and slumped to a 2-6 start, losing to LaSalle in Philadelphia's Spectrum Dec. 9 and dropping two games at the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii.

But since then the 'Cats, who play

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Men's Basketball

Sunday, 2:45 p.m., Smith Center 14th-ranked UNC Sunday at 2:45 p.m.

in the Smith Center (CBS), have shot from the down-in-the-dumps blue side of the spectrum straight over to red hot. After losing to St. John's 79-69 Jan. 2, the Wildcats, now 6-6, 4-1 in the Big

East, have ticked off four wins in a row, defeating No. 22 Georgetown, Boston College, No. 5 Connecticut and No. 21 Seton Hall in a come-from-behind overtime thriller Monday night.

In the Seton Hall game, the Wildcats

trailed by 11 with 2:20 remaining, but tallied 15 of the game's next 19 points to send the game into overtime and

eventually upset the Pirates 73-68. Leading the Wildcat charge have been shooting guards Lance Miller and Greg Woodard. In Villanova's five Big East games, Miller, a 6-foot-6 junior, has averaged 19.5 points per game, up from 13.3 in his non-conference contests. Similarly, Woodard, a 6-7 senior, has tallied 16.4 ppg in Big East games, a four-point-per-game improvement from his non-conference outings.

Woodard, the 'Cats' second-leading scorer a year ago as a starter, has served mainly as a sixth man this season, hitting 29 of 71 3-point attempts.

James Bryson has also sparked 'Nova, putting up his biggest numbers in the biggest games. The 6-10 center had 19 points and 10 rebounds against Con-necticut before notching 17 points and a career-high 16 rebounds against Seton Hall. On the season, Bryson has tallied 10.4 ppg and 6.2 rebounds per contest.

Villanova's other key players are: 6-9 forward Marc Dowdell (9.1 ppg); 5-11 guard Chris Walker (8.3 ppg, 3.7 assists per outing); 6-6 forward Calvin Byrd (4.9 ppg, 2.1 rpg); and 6-7 forward Aaron Bain (6.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg).

Massimino, the Wildcats' 18th-year head coach, will be vying for his 350th win as the Villanova mentor Sunday, having compiled a 349-226 record and winning one national championship and at least a share of two Big East titles with the Wildcats.

Traditionally, Villanova is at its best when it keeps the score low. The Wildcats are 39-7 in the last three-and-onehalf seasons when keeping opposing teams under 70 points. When opponents have scored more than 70, the Wildcats are 20-45. In three of the 'Cats' six victories this season, 'Nova has held the losers under the 70-point cap.

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Thursday, January 16
North Carolina (90)
Lynch 11-13 4-6 26, Reese 2-4 4-6 9,
Salvadori 3-51-47, Davis 8-9 1-3 13, Phelps
6-13 4-4 18, Montross 6-8 3-4 15, Sullivan 13 0-0 2, Rod 0-0, 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0,
Wenstrom 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 35-55 17-27 90
Wake Forest (79)
Rogers 10-17 5-6 27, King 8-15 0-0 16,
Medflin 0-1 1-2 1, Tucker 6-13 1-2 13,
McQueen 5-12 0-1 14, Doggett 0-0 0-0 0,
Blucas 0-0 0-0 0, Rasmussen 1-2 0-0 3,
Owens 1-8 3-4 5, Totals 31-68 10-15 79.
Halltime — Wake 42, UNC 38, Fouled outNone, 3-point goals - UNC 3-8 (Phelps 2-4),
Wake 7-16 (McQueen 4-9), Rebounds UNC 32 (Lynch 9), Wake 34 (Rogers 8),
Assists - UNC 20 (Phelps 11), Wake 21
(Rogers, McQueen 5), Steals - UNC 5-(Davis 3), Wake 5 (Rogers 3), Turnovers - UNC 13
(Phelps, Lynch 4), Wake 12 (McQueen 6),
Blocks - UNC 2 (Salvadori, Davis), Wake 0.
Total fouls - UNC 14, Wake 21.
Attendance - 14,480.

On Tap

Friday, January 17

FENCING, Dual Meets at Northwestern, Evanston, III., 10 a.m.

Saturday, January 18 FENCING, USFA Collegiate Open, Evanston,

INDOOR TRACK, at Virginia Tech Invitational, Blacksburg, Va., All Day SWIMMING, vs. Florida State, Koury Natato-

GYMNASTICS, vs. George Washington and

Longwood College, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, at Maryland, College Park, Md., 7:30 p.m. WRESTLING, vs. Bucknell, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, January 19

FENCING, at USFA Collegiate Open, Evanston,

III., 8 a.m. INDOOR TRACK, UNC Tar Heel Classic, Tin Can, Noon

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, at Loyola, Baltimore,

Sports on TV

Friday, January 17 3 p.m. - Golf: Bob Hope Chrysler Classic,

Third Round; ESPN 7 p.m. -College Basketball: Loyola (Md.) at

Canisius; HTS 8 p.m. - NBA Basketball: San Antonio at

Chicago; TNT 9 p.m. -MSL Soccer: Balt. at Dallas; HTS 10 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Charlotte at



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