

SPORTS

# The next great Tar Heel? Stackhouse is on his way

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If Jerry Stackhouse had followed his heart, he would be suiting up next fall in a Lenoir Community College basketball uniform.

At least that's what Stackhouse led people to believe when he listed LCC as his favorite college team in a newspaper profile last spring.

"It was just a joke," he said with a laugh. "They were trying to get me caught up and see what was my favorite college, so I told 'em. It was the community college back home — I did go to almost all of their home games, as a matter of fact. So they might have been my favorite team last year."

But Stackhouse, the 1992 North Carolina high school player of the year and one of the most sought-after seniors in the nation, announced Monday that he would become a North Carolina Tar Heel, not a Lancer. His verbal commitment to UNC ended months of speculation about which school the 6-foot-6 forward would attend.

Stackhouse, whose final decision came down to UNC and N.C. State, cannot sign a binding letter of intent until Nov. 11, the first day of the NCAA's fall signing period.

The constant hounding from recruiters — not to mention endless questions from media and community members — became so unbearable that the Kinston native transferred from Kinston High School to Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., for his senior year of high school.

Fortunately for Stackhouse, Oak Hill is not only remote but also a power in prep basketball and has the reputation of making good players better.

"He's going to play a lot better competition," said Kinston assistant coach Randy Radford. "They're going to Hawaii, they're going to Las Vegas. They play in Georgia and South Carolina, and that's pretty good experience."

Stackhouse, the half-brother of former Kinston High and Florida State star Tony Dawson, made an immediate impact on the high school level, breaking state records for points scored by a freshman and points scored by a sophomore. As a junior last season, his 29.8 points and 13.8 rebounds per game led the Vikings to the state title game.

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Jerry Stackhouse

rated him the No. 2 prospect in the nation behind New Orleans' Randy Livingston, who has verbally committed to Louisiana State.

Stackhouse's talent was evident in the sixth grade, his junior high coach said.

"He had it written all over him," said Robert Murphy, basketball coach at Savannah Middle School. "He was destined to be an excellent ballplayer."

Murphy said he could spot this, even though state rules prevented 6th graders from playing. "He was better than anything I had then, including my 9th graders at that point."

Radford added that Stackhouse could be physically ready for the NBA in two years, but a program like UNC's would encourage him to stay in school.

"I think that's another real positive about Carolina. I think if he goes there, he will eventually get his degree."

All the talk about when Stackhouse will leave UNC may be a bit premature for someone who has yet to graduate from high school. Still, who can fault him and his former coaches from thinking of the future, when Stackhouse has been recruited to have an immediate impact on the UNC squad?

"With every level he goes, he comes up with something new," Murphy said. "He's unbelievable. There aren't many times you'll get a player like Jerry."

## Jerry stacks his chips in right place — at UNC

When Jerry Stackhouse announced his verbal commitment Monday to play basketball at UNC, he said he wanted to make a decision in order to relieve the pressure of the recruiting process. But the hype has just begun.

He's been rated as the best or, at least, second-best senior high school basketball player in the nation.

He set North Carolina state records for scoring as a sophomore and as a freshman, and has been called the best high school basketball player in North Carolina history.

He left Smalltown, U.S.A., also known as Kinston, for prep school powerhouse Oak Hill Academy.

And now he's coming to Chapel Hill, to play in the House that Dean Built, with the expectations of one of the nation's greatest basketball traditions heaped upon him.

For Stackhouse, coming to UNC means more than going to play for his "favorite team." It means learning The System, although UNC head coach Dean Smith says he doesn't have one.

Stackhouse will have to learn to play defense the North Carolina way, which usually takes freshmen awhile.

Defense wins playing time under Smith, and the 6-foot-6 forward won't be able to rely on pure athletic ability

like he did at Kinston High.

But Jerry probably had that figured out.

Sure, the hype will be great once Stackhouse begins to get serious playing time, and like Donald Williams last season, Stackhouse will wonder whether he made the right choice.

Sure, he could have gone to a school where he'd play right away, like, say, N.C. State. But how many State alumni thrive in the NBA? Now, how many Tar Heel alumni do?

So when Stackhouse says that he's coming here because it's his favorite school, read that as: "I want an education, but I also want to play pro ball."

But for UNC, the signing of Stackhouse would mean much more. For two of the last three years, Smith has sought and signed the top high school hoops player in North Carolina.

It means that Duke, N.C. State, Wake Forest and other ACC schools are still second on the minds of high school



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players in the Old North State.

Despite winning back-to-back NCAA titles, Mike Krzyzewski and the Blue Devils do not own the recruiting arena. Losing Stackhouse to the Blue Devils would have been a fatal blow to UNC basketball both psychologically and on the court.

It could mean that Jeff McInnis, a 6-4 point guard and Stackhouse's teammate at Oak Hill, could come to UNC. McInnis has said he would like to go to the same school as Stackhouse. Unlike Stackhouse, McInnis has yet to meet NCAA freshman eligibility requirements.

In the end, most fans think of how Stackhouse will make an impact for North Carolina on the court beginning in the 1993-94 season.

Eric Montross, Derrick Phelps, Brian Reese, Pat Sullivan and Kevin Salvadori will be seniors. Montross, Phelps and Reese figure to be stars, and Reese's athleticism will be a perfect test in practice for Stackhouse.

He will wait behind Reese for a year, learning and adjusting.

And once he learns the philosophy of playing at North Carolina, Jerry Stackhouse will know that he made the right decision.

He chose UNC.

### Forum

as chairman for three years, said he had clarified the meeting in question was a public information meeting, not a public hearing, and a miscommunication caused the problems.

"No, I am not a king and do not wish to be one," he said in response to Kennedy's comments.

Haitcock said he thought that Carey had made a mistake and that he would not resort to negative tactics in the remainder of the campaign.

"I am not going to resort to name-calling or character assassinations," Haitcock said. "I'm sticking to the issues." The candidates also held different views on the \$52 million school bond issue, which would provide funding to build two new schools and to upgrade technology.

Carey and Willhoit both said they favored the bond, while Haitcock and Kennedy said they would not support it. Marcoplos he supported the bond and would work to raise alternative money for the schools if the bond did not pass.

Haitcock said he would like taxpayers to decide for themselves about the issue, choosing between the bond or a pay-as-you-go plan, which he supported.

"I feel like (pay-as-you-go) is the best way to go," he said. "When you say you're against the school bond, that doesn't mean you think children aren't an important resource."

But Willhoit said money was scarce in the pay-as-you-go plan. "It's either going to be trailer city, or we need to build new schools," he said.

Carey said that the lack of good public education was the "worst form of child abuse."

"Our children are our most valuable human resource," he said. Marcoplos stressed the need for energy alternatives in a new school if the bond should pass in November. "The potential for savings is enormous," he said. "We can save \$6 million by cutting energy costs in half."

The candidates also discussed solid waste management and how to attract more businesses to the county.

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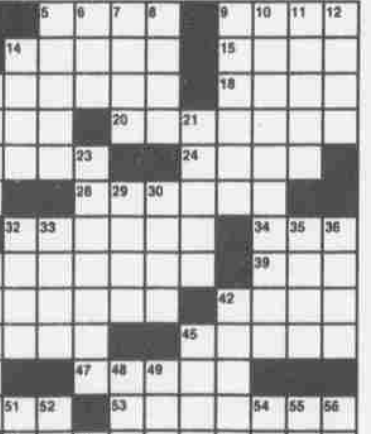
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### Science

say, "I am so many years old," this is a limitation. It is a mortal thought that man can have X number of years on Earth and then we are gone. (Immortality) is our concept of life and our individual self."

The Christian Science view of salvation also differs from that of most Christian denominations. "Salvation is not something you get through death," Mead said. "It is a daily overcoming of the ills of the flesh. We happen to believe Jesus probably overcame all of the ills of the flesh. He rose from the dead. You can't beat that."

A large part of Christian Science and the aspect that most readily attracts people is the belief in healing the body through the use of prayer instead of modern medical practices.

"(Instantaneous healing) takes place in the moment when we finally realize that we have always been perfect and we just accepted some lies about ourselves as imperfect, coming from age or whatever, and these lies have come between us and our view of God's perfect plan," Mead said. "The basis of healing in Christian Science is not human will. It is not mind over matter. I think my way out of it." That is mind with a small 'm' in mind, human mind. If you say 'Mind over matter' with a capital 'M,' mind with a capital 'M' stands for God, that is letting his intelligence shine through us, his perfect expression. Then we don't have problems.

"When you are having a problem or see a problem, it is not out there or in you," Mead said. "You have accepted

in your thinking something different than God's perfect creation. Basically, what you think is what you get."

Instead of seeing a doctor, Christian Scientists who are in need of healing call or go to a Christian Science practitioner, someone who has devoted their life to healing through prayer.

"There is no laying-on of hands, no touching, no medical supplement, and 99 percent is done by phone," Mead said. "When you go to a practitioner, you must agree to take no medication."

Many people who are Christian Scientists became so after an illness in which doctors had given up on them, Mead said.

Kurshildgen's father became a Christian Scientist this way. "My father was quite ill during my years in high school," he said. "The medical world had no idea what his illness was. My piano teacher was a Christian Scientist, and I began to ask her questions about Christian Science. Her explanations were so clear and logical that I began to see that my thought needed to be changed."

"My father did not accept (Christian Science) at that time, but we removed him from the hospital," Kurshildgen said. "He was a semi-invalid for many years after that at home. During this

time, my father was healed of blindness. Eventually, he and my mother became members of both the branch church and the mother church. It was then that he acknowledged that it was through my efforts to bring Christian Science into the home that he was able to be there to tell the story."

Kurshildgen has also had many healings of his own. "I had an early healing of migraine headaches and have never had one since. I had a healing of tuberculosis within a couple of weeks. Both of these were absolute."

Why is Christian Science considered a science? "Like any science, Christian Science and the application of its principles can bring about the absolute effect, which is the truth," Kurshildgen said. Mead said: "It can only be called a science if it works every time it is applied correctly. It does, and that's what makes it a science. On the other hand, what doctors practice is an art."

Mead always is surprised by critics of Christian Science. "Anything that works so well, you think people would want to emulate, but it is like the old King of the Mountain bit. The king's on the mountain, everyone is trying to knock him down, and I can't figure out why."

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