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things he does seem incredible." Smith praised Lynch, who added six assists and four steals. "Fortunately, we had George Lynch on our side," Smith said. "George did everything for us in the second half without scoring. He was the only one coming off with defensive rebounds."

"We couldn't keep them off the boards."

In fact, the only big negative for North Carolina in this game was on the glass, where the smaller Monarchs held a 38-36 rebounding advantage.

UNC's aggressiveness led to a 17-6 run to open the second half, with Williams and Montross each scoring six. A Montross dunk off a pass from Rödl capped the streak.

Montross said the team's strong performance would give the team confidence for the rest of the season. "I like everything about this team. I think we have to control the ball a little bit more and not allow so many turnovers."

"I think our team's jelling as a group. We understand the team's concepts on defense and are a better defensive team."

UNC started the game in impressive fashion, racing to a 10-2 lead courtesy of tight defense and accurate shooting.

**UNC 119, ODU 82**  
Tuesday

ODU (82)	fg	ft	rb	a	pf	tp	
Sessoms	22	4-14	10-10	7-8	0	4	20
Mullen	26	5-8	2-3	3-4	1	1	12
Hodge	19	2-4	0-2	1-1	0	3	4
Swann	27	4-12	4-4	1-2	3	1	14
Jackson	26	4-17	2-2	3-7	2	2	13
Anderson	21	3-8	3-4	0-0	2	1	9
Harvey	21	1-6	0-4	4-4	1	4	2
A. Wright	8	0-1	0-2	1-1	1	3	0
Jones	12	1-5	1-2	1-1	0	2	3
Larkin	16	1-4	0-0	1-1	0	3	2
W. Wright	2	1-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	3

TOTALS 200 26-80 22-33 29-38 10 24 82

Percentages — FG .325, FT .667, 3-point goals — 8-32, 250 (Jackson 3-11, Swann 2-4, Sessoms 2-7, W. Wright 1-1, Jones 0-3, Larkin 0-3, Anderson 0-2, Mullen 0-1). Team rebounds — 7, Blocked Shots — 1 (Mullen), Turnovers — 23 (Swann 6, Jackson 4, Anderson 3, Sessoms 2, Mullen 2, Jones 2, Larkin 2, Harvey, A. Wright). Steals — 9 (Mullen 2, Swann 2, Anderson 2, Sessoms, Hodge, Larkin).

**UNC (119)**

min	m-a	m-a	o-1	a	pf	tp	
Reese	24	8-8	2-5	0-3	4	1	19
Lynch	27	5-8	2-4	1-8	6	1	12
Montross	21	6-8	4-4	0-5	1	2	20
Williams	25	5-8	9-10	2-2	3	1	21
Rödl	29	2-3	0-0	0-2	11	3	5
Calabria	13	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Sullivan	17	6-9	5-8	3-4	1	2	18
Cherry	9	1-1	0-0	0-1	2	0	2
Salvadori	13	3-4	1-2	2-5	0	3	7
Wenstrom	8	1-1	1-2	0-4	0	1	3
Davis	5	1-1	4-4	0-1	2	0	6
Stephenson	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Gath	5	3-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	6

TOTALS 200 43-57 28-37 8-36 31 20 119

Percentages — FG .754, FT .757, 3-point goals — 5-11, 455 (Williams 2-4, Reese 1-1, Rödl 1-2, Sullivan 1-2, Calabria 0-2). Team rebounds — 0, Blocked Shots — 7 (Salvadori 3, Lynch 2, Montross, Calabria). Turnovers — 22 (Reese 4, Williams 3, Sullivan 3, Lynch 2, Montross 2, Calabria 2, Rödl, Cherry, Salvadori, Wenstrom, Davis, Gath). Steals — 18 (Lynch 4, Rödl 4, Reese 2, Williams 2, Calabria 2, Sullivan 2, Montross, Davis).

Old Dominion 41 41 — 82  
North Carolina 54 65 — 119

Technical Fouls — none. Attendance — 18,807.

Williams answers call

By Warren Hynes  
Sports Editor

The Void stood some 500 miles away, stationed on the court of the World's Most Famous Arena.

He scored six points on 3-of-3 shooting, filling in admirably as his team defeated the Portland Trailblazers 101-85.

Hubert Davis is no longer a starter, and he is no longer a North Carolina Tar Heel. But he is still hitting his jumpers — now for the New York Knicks.

So as Chapel Hill settled in for another basketball season Tuesday night, the Tar Heel faithful sat in their Smith Center seats and looked with anticipation at the shooting guard position. The Void had left 21.4 points per game behind, and, well, who would replace him?

The sophomore figured he'd try, and he trotted onto the court, the first UNC starter announced before the game.

He scored his first points 51 seconds into the contest, knocking in a pair of free throws to give his team a 4-0 lead. The sophomore scored his first field goal 1:15 later. On a fast break, he passed to George Lynch, who dished the ball back to him, and he dropped in a layup.

Donald Williams proceeded to score 17 more points in the game. Playing mostly at shooting guard, he fell 0.4 points shy of The Void's 1991-92 average.

As the final seconds ticked down in No. 7 North Carolina's 119-82 win against Old Dominion, Donald Williams smiled — just a bit, but he smiled. He was beginning to fill The Void's place. And you could feel Hubert Davis' approving grin from 500 miles away.

"I think in the first half, I was a little

nervous coming out," said Williams, who played 25 minutes. "The game was in such a fast pace, I was all rush, rush. But then in the second half, I settled down and got more in the game."



Donald Williams

In the first half, Williams scored eight points, canning all six of his free throws and shooting 1 of 4 from the floor. But in the second half, Williams caught fire, nailing all four of his field goals, including two 3-pointers in a span of 42 seconds. Add in 3-of-4 shooting from the foul line, and Williams led all scorers with 21 points.

But Donald Williams can do more. His coach says so.

"Donald's played better than he has tonight," Dean Smith said. "He worked hard defensively. He wasn't as sharp offensively as he's been in fall practices."

"You didn't see the real Donald Williams."

The 6-foot-2, 183-pound Garner native had built what many would call a "quiet" 13 points midway through the second half. Nine of his points had come from the foul line, not from the top of the key. But at the 11:08 mark, Williams stepped behind the 3-point line on the left wing. He took the ball; shoot — score. UNC by 26.

After ODU scored five straight points, Williams stepped to the same spot at the 10:26 mark. He took the ball; shoot — score. UNC by 24.

Donald Williams will not erase the echoes of "Huuuube" that still bounce around the Smith Center.

But if Tuesday night was any indication, he'll fill the void.

Correction

In the Dec. 1 Daily Tar Heel, the Jan. 9 men's basketball game against Maryland was omitted from a listing of the 1992-93 UNC men's basketball

schedule. UNC will play Maryland in Chapel Hill at 4 p.m. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

NCSU player's suicide forces media to look beyond boxscore

N.C. State Basketball Media Day. TV cameras and curious reporters anxiously awaited head coach Les Robinson and his team.

Finally, they emerged, a few at a time. Many were pounced on by hungry reporters. Donnie Seale, Kevin Thompson, Mark Davis, even the freshmen were called over for interviews.

I admit it. I was one of them. Vying for time to interview the "key players" for this year's team. That's what reporters do — get the story.

"Let's go talk to that guy," said Jennifer, my roommate who begged to come along for the experience. She had pointed to where the "other" players were milling around.

"I don't have any questions for him," I replied, scoffing at the thought of wasting my time. They were "nobodies" as far as the news world was concerned.

But I directed my attention toward them anyway. They were all laughing and joking around. Basically having fun while the "big men" on their team were being scrutinized by the media. A

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few of them looked longingly at the reporters, almost begging to be interviewed. Others were perfectly happy in the shadows.

"Come on, I want to talk to him," Jennifer said again. "You don't have to quote him, just talk to him."

Again I dismissed her as we watched him more closely. He had moved away from his teammates, standing on the side of the court, but he still served as a magnet. Everyone on the team or basketball staff was drawn to him at some point in the day. He smiled constantly and made whomever he talked to smile, too.

He was the type of person I definitely would have talked to and felt comfortable around in a different situation. But today I was a reporter, and he was not news.

At least not until Monday night, Nov. 23, when he shot himself before N.C.

State's second exhibition game of the season. Anthony Robinson. I had to look up the number on his jersey in the media guide that day to even tell Jennifer who she was looking at.

The 6-foot-10 junior forward from Havelock was not one of this team's key players, but he was loved by his teammates and coaches.

Robinson played 146 minutes in his career with the Wolfpack and scored only 24 points. He made a career-high two field goals against Florida International his freshman season. These are not newsworthy numbers.

With his suicide, though, Robinson has made the news. Reporters now scramble to uncover his life and possibly the reason for his actions.

Robinson had walked past me on Media Day, and we exchanged polite hellos. His blue-green eyes sparkled with delight at the events going on around him. He wasn't bothered by the media flocking to his teammates. He was one of those enjoying the shadows.

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