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Darlington gets truck race scheduled

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NASCAR has announced the addition of historic Darlington Raceway to the 2010 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series schedule.

The Aug. 14 Too Tough To Tame 200 replaces an event at The Milwaukee Mile on the 25-race schedule and marks the series' return to the 1.366-mile South Carolina track that hosted four races between 2001 and 2004.

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6, 3-2) won its first ACC home game in three tries.

"Our defense was the worst it's been all year. It was never, ever good," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "They were terrific, and we were not very good. In order to beat them tonight, we had to be terrific just to have a chance."

"They had great energy and a great gameplan. They looked real fresh. We didn't look fresh at all."

Hard-to-handle post player Tracy Smith proved even more difficult to handle than usual, scoring 23 points on 10-of-12 shooting. Veteran Dennis Horner, recently slowed by a knee injury, was full speed ahead, adding 20 points on 8-of-15 shooting.

Three other N.C. State players cracked double digits. Point guards Javier Gonzalez and Farnold Degand combined for 26 points and 14 assists with just three turnovers, and freshman Scott Wood scored all 10 of his points after halftime.

Duke's lead trio of Kyle Singler (22 points), Jon Scheyer (21) and Nolan Smith (18) did much of their damage from the free throw line, hitting 20 of 24 between them but made just 18 of 46 from the field.

No one else did much damage for Duke: Lance Thomas did grab 12 rebounds, but no one outside of the top three managed more than six points.

For the Blue Devils, however, this game was more about defense — or a lack thereof — than it was about whether their offense was balanced. Duke allowed 15 more points than it had in any game all season and had allowed just one previous opponent to shoot 50 percent, a 50.9-percent showing for St. John's in a nine-point loss.

While big man Brian Zoubek called the defensive effort "horrible," Scheyer took a slightly more diplomatic ap-

proach.

"This wasn't our best defensive effort, but at the same time they did a great job of executing on offense," Scheyer said. "We wanted to come out and not let them get any confidence, but they got so much confidence — and why shouldn't they? They hit every-thing."

"Give them credit. They punched us, and we didn't punch back."

N.C. State never trailed after 21-6 run midway through the first half built a 29-19 lead. Horner and Smith accounted for 16 points during the seven minutes of domination.

The Wolfpack appeared poised to head to halftime with a six-point lead, but when Scheyer had a shot in the lane blocked by Tracy Smith, the ball bounded outside, where Nolan Smith met it in midair in order to beat the buzzer with a 3 that made it 41-38.

Any momentum gained from that play, however, faded fast.

The Wolfpack hit 64 percent of its first-half shots yet still managed to start the second half even hotter. N.C. State started the half on an 11-3 run, interrupted only by a 3-pointer from Scheyer, to increase its lead to 52-41.

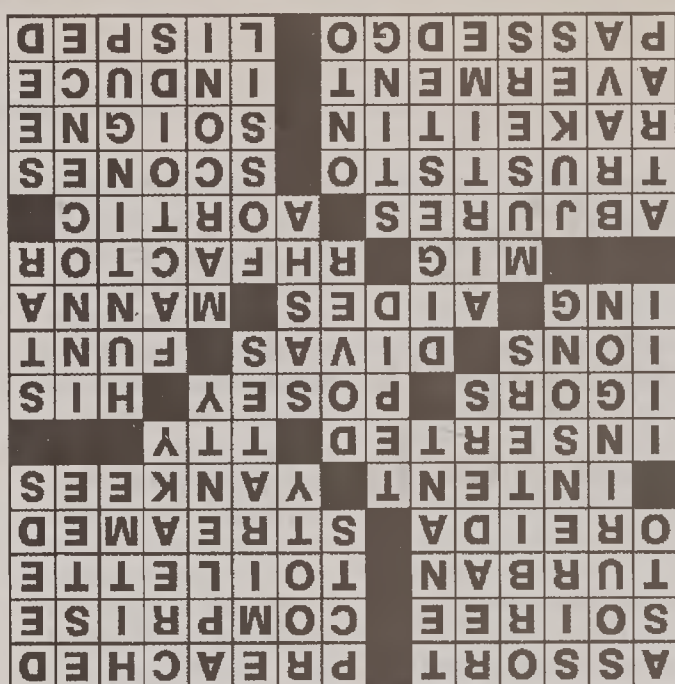
Duke hadn't trailed by more than 11 points all season, but the Blue Devils soon did. Duke whittled its deficit to 58-49 before yet another 11-3 spurt, this one punctuated by a slam for Horner on an alley-oop from Gonzalez for a 69-52 bulge.

The Blue Devils threatened to rally once more, answering with 10 of the next 11 points, getting within 72-64 at the 4:47 mark when Singler scored in the lane.

But after N.C. State went more than four minutes without a field goal, Wood got away from Duke's fullcourt press for a layup. Singler hit a couple of free throws, but then Gonzalez drained a fadeaway 3 from 26 feet over 6-10 Miles Plumlee that made it 77-66 and essentially ended it.

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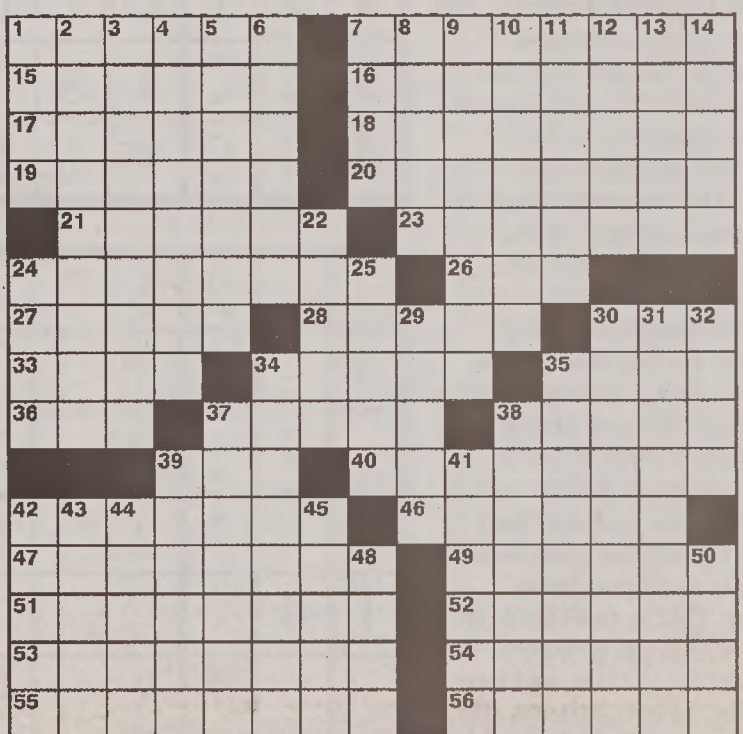
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"But the bottom line is, we got ourselves here so we've got to find a way."

It also was the first time UNC has lost three consecutive ACC games since 2003 when it lost five straight games in Matt Doherty's final season as head coach.

And like that team, this year's Tar Heels (12-7, 1-3) currently are sitting near the bottom of the ACC standings with things about to get tougher in the next few weeks as they play three of their next four games on the road. UNC is 1-5 away from Chapel Hill this season.

"We're extremely disappointed and we're extremely frustrated," UNC coach Roy Williams said. "It's something we haven't been through."

"I didn't give them a long speech after the game. I told them, 'We have no chance if we fold. We have no chance if we give in.'"

The players said they're confident the Tar Heels can turn things around, but they will have to play better than they did against the Demon Deacons (13-4, 1-2). UNC shot a season-low 36.6 percent from the floor, while Wake Forest hit 50 percent of its shots, including 9 of 16 from beyond the arc.

The Tar Heels were out-rebounded and outscored in the paint and had no fastbreak points.

"We have to do a lot better job in a lot of areas," Williams said.

It also did not help that UNC's second-leading

scorer and top rebounder, Ed Davis, missed the game with a sprained left ankle. Freshman Travis Wear started in his place and had a solid game (13 points, six rebounds), while senior Deon Thompson had 13 points but grabbed just three rebounds.

Junior Will Graves led the Tar Heels for the second straight game with 16 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Wake Forest had four players finish in double figures, led by Ishmael Smith and C.J. Harris with 20 points each.

Arguably the most important points for the Demon Deacons came from freshman Ari Stewart, who finished with 11.

UNC had not led since the opening minutes of the game, but the Tar Heels began to threaten Wake Forest's lead six minutes into the second half when Dexter Strickland cut the score to 47-43.

But Wake's Tony Woods added a dunk on the other end to push the lead back to six, then Stewart hit three straight 3-pointers to put the game out of reach.

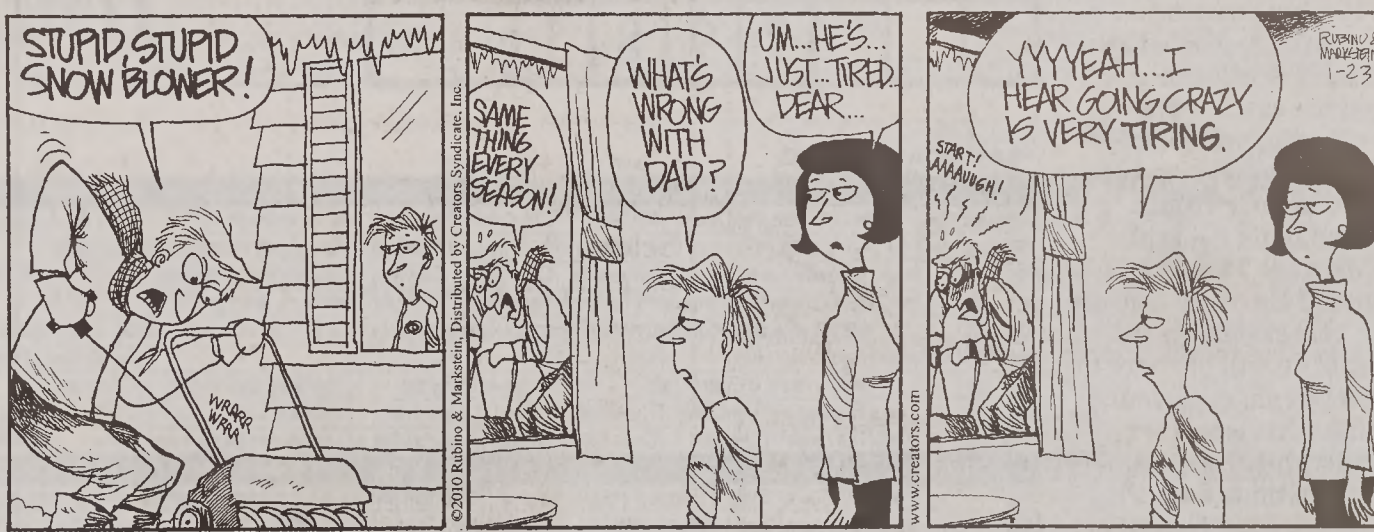
The Tar Heels never got closer than nine the rest of the way.

"It's very frustrating losing games that we shouldn't," Wear said. "You're kind of mind boggled at this point that you've lost three [straight ACC] games and you're North Carolina."

"But there's a lot of games left in the season, and we can turn this around really quick and we've just got to keep fighting."

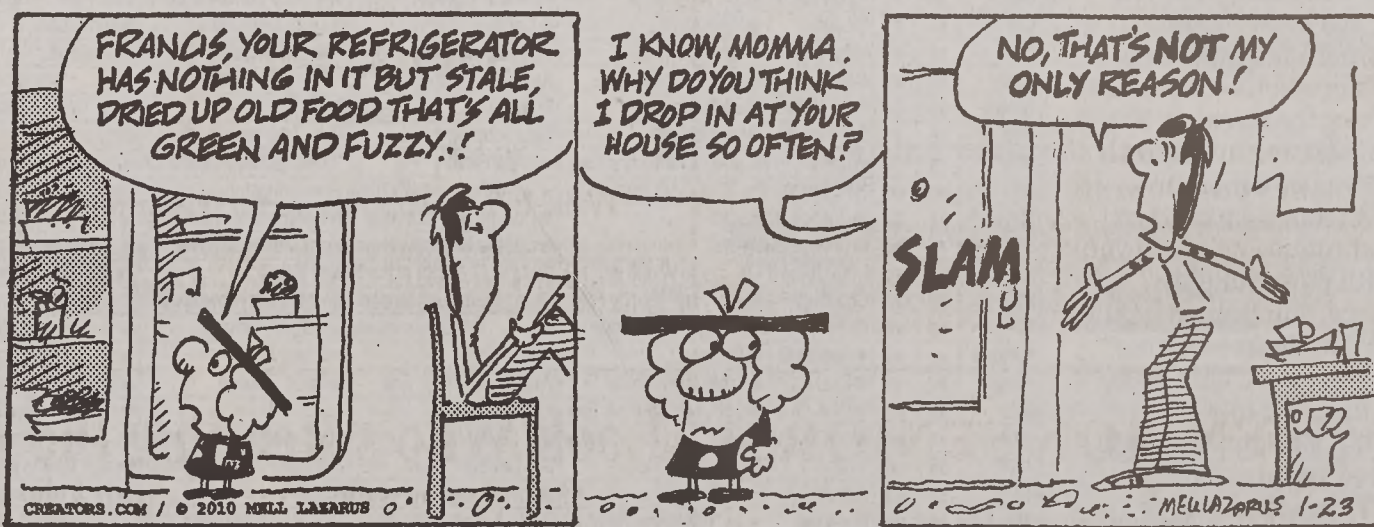
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