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NJCAA BASKETBALL

DCCC barely slips by Cobras

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LEXINGTON — Rico Geter was puzzled at halftime. He was shooting wide open 3-point shots in the first half that usually go in for him, but he had a goose-egg in the scoring column after 20 minutes.

The Davidson County Community College shooting guard spent much of halftime finding his shot again. His adjustments paid off in a big way for him and the Storm. Geter hit four 3-pointers in the second half, two of them coming during crunch time to help DCCC slide past

Caldwell Community College 86-77 on Saturday.

"I don't know what was going on — it just wouldn't go in first half," said Geter, who like many others in attendance, expects his shots to fall. "I knew it was going to go in eventually, so I just kept shooting."

No. 6 Davidson remained perfect with a 9-0 record in the Tarheel Conference, 23-4 overall. Justin Glover paced the Storm with 24 points with Phillip Williams and Geter getting 16 points each. Eric Potts added 12.

In was an uncharacteristic day for the Storm all around on Saturday. The offense was not crisp and there were defensive breakdowns that allowed the Cobras to stay within striking distance. Caldwell took a 67-63 lead with 8:27 left, but DCCC used an 8-0 run to turn the tables and take a four-point lead for themselves.

Defense remained an issue for the Storm with the Cobras coming back to trail by one after Octavious Robinson's dunk.

After a DCCC timeout,

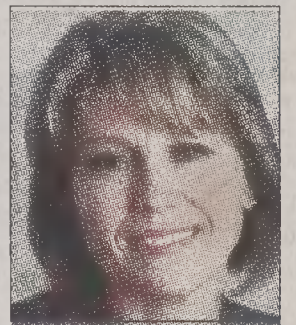
the ball found the hands of Geter twice in the next 40 seconds, giving the Storm the boost they needed to finish the game. Geter buried one from the corner with 2:37 to go, but it was answered by Caldwell's Robert Shaw. Next time down the floor, Geter stood in the same spot as before and was promptly fed the ball. His release was perfect and the ball swished through, putting the Storm up 81-77. The defense finally got it right in the closing moments, holding the Cobras scoreless to the final horn.

"We didn't play with a

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ON NASCAR



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Drivers focus on winning races, not other sports

Like everyone else on the planet, I saw a lot of pre-game Super Bowl TV coverage on Feb. 7, because there was no racing that day and I had nothing else to do.

Like everyone else in NASCAR Nation, I got all excited and fangirl-ish during the portion of the broadcast when celebrities were giving their picks, and some of "our" drivers were included in that group.

Tony Stewart's segment was predictable, as he reminded everyone that he's an Indiana boy and therefore had to go with the Indianapolis Colts. He looked and sounded good. Score one for the home team.

Just a few seconds later, Mark Martin filled the screen. His prognostication went something like this: "I don't even know who's playing in the Super Bowl, but if Brett Favre was in it, I'd pull for him."

I hung my head. I closed my eyes. I may have groaned aloud. Surely I hadn't heard this right. One of the most respected, successful and popular drivers in the entire sport of NASCAR did not just tell most of the world that he had no clue who was playing in the Super Bowl.

Yes, he did. This, in my spontaneous and very reactionary opinion, was going to be a PR disaster. As NASCAR continues to fight for dominance in professional sports — a battle in which it is performing quite well — it is vitally important that our athletes be visible, approachable, articulate, and relatable.

But then it hit me, like one of those smack yourself in the head "Wow, I could've had a V8" moments. The day before the Super Bowl, Martin went out and won his first-ever Daytona 500 pole, becoming the oldest driver in history to start NASCAR's No. 1 race in the No. 1 spot.

I couldn't help but wonder, if someone had asked New Orleans Saints and Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees on that afternoon before the game who was sitting on the pole for the Daytona 500, would he have known the answer?

I'm no Vegas odds maker, but I'm thinking probably not.

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BASKETBALL
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6 p.m.

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DAYTONA 500



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Jamie McMurray gets showered with Gatorade after winning the 52nd running of the Daytona 500 on Sunday. It was McMurray's first Daytona 500 win, marking the biggest victory of his career.

McMurray gets biggest win of career

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — What a storybook finish!

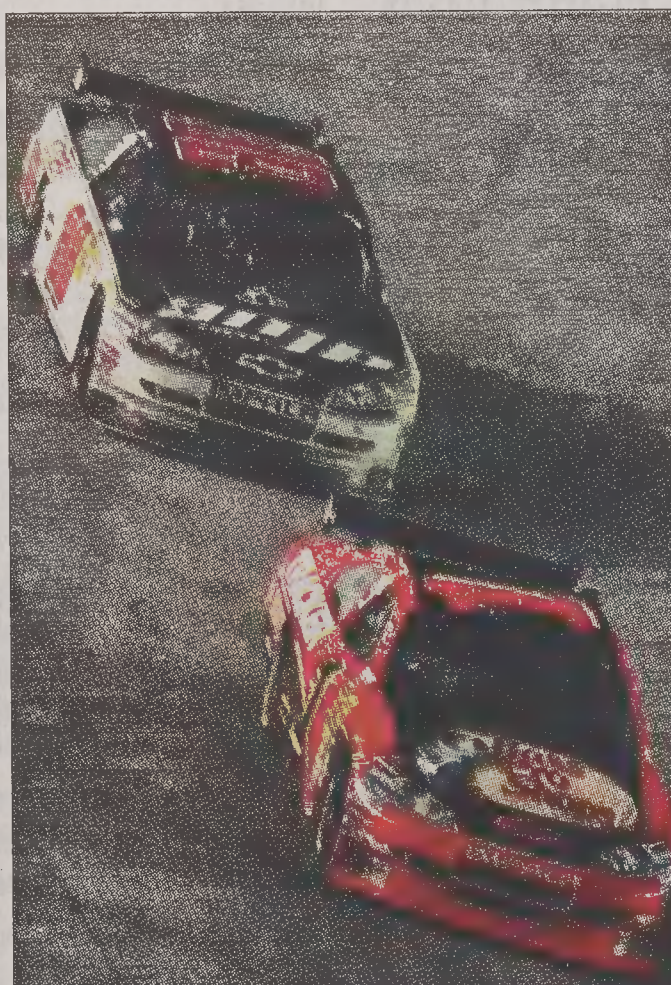
Jamie McMurray won the 52nd annual NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Daytona 500 but it took three green, white, checkered flag attempts and an unbelievable shove from the sport's most popular driver, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., to pull the curtain down on one of the most exciting 500's in the sport's history.

After two red flags to repair a hole in the track's bumpy surface, McMurray wound up in the front pack when it came to the

two-lap showdown for NASCAR's biggest prize. And Earnhardt provided the help he needed to hold off a snarling, hungry pack of professional stock car drivers trying to add their names to the Daytona 500 record book.

Earnhardt came from 10th to second in two laps to get the assist, and McMurray was overcome with emotion afterwards.

McMurray was the odd-man-out at Roush Racing at the end of 2009 when that organization had to drop a team to comply with NASCAR's four-car ownership rule. McMurray didn't know if he would have a ride



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McMurray (No. 1) beat out Dale Earnhardt Jr. just before the line to claim the coveted victory.

for 2010 until his former car owner Chip Ganassi called and put him in a car for the second time.

McMurray responded just like he did the first time he drove for Ganassi.

He won his first race with the team, just like he did with Ganassi when he won his first race, the fall event at Charlotte.

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