

BASKETBALL

UNC got an unlikely boost from Dexter Strickland, who scored nine points in the first half to lead all scorers, all of which came after N.C. State went up by 10.

Before Wednesday, Strickland had struggled mightily with his shooting stroke — he was 0-for-9 in the last three games from the field.

"I was relieved," Strickland said. "I knew it would eventually pay off because I put the time in. The last couple games, I haven't been shooting as much, but tonight I looked for my shot and got to the rack early."

The Tar Heels clinched a first-round bye in the ACC Tournament with the win, as they cannot finish lower than fourth in the conference. Williams, for his part, is just happy his team got a win in a chippy, emotional affair on another team's home court.

"We're very fortunate, to say the least, and we feel really good about that," Williams said.

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Sidney Lowe tries to get his team's attention during its loss to UNC at the RBC Center. Lowe earned a technical foul at the end of the second half.

BARNES

Harrison," Marshall said. "He's fought through a lot of publicity maybe he didn't want or deserve or maybe he did deserve it and people got down on him. But he fought through it and played hard. He's leading us right now."

But something must be said about Marshall, whose entrance in the starting lineup aligns with Barnes' top-three scoring performances.

He trails only probable ACC player of the year Nolan Smith in assists and assist-error ratio for the conference, two categories that define a point guard.

Marshall scored UNC's first four points as N.C. State denied Marshall assists by collapsing John Henson and Tyler Zeller in the paint.

Leslie stuck to Henson for much of the game. But the freshman, who scored 13 points and eight boards, was denied on multiple occasions by both Henson and Zeller and had to pass the ball to the perimeter.

But the night, and possibly the award, belongs to Barnes, who received 36 votes in the preseason to win the award.

He offset his slow start with two follow-up jams with four minutes left that put UNC ahead by eight.

"It sucked the air out of the building. That gave us a lot of momentum."

The role of finisher is growing on Barnes.

"We knew they were going to him," N.C. State coach Sidney Lowe said. "We came right out and said what they were going to do. And we didn't fight through it."

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dealt with what we thought was the fundamental question," he said.

The committee report for Clark's appeal is scheduled to be released Feb. 27. Clark said after hearing Bigelow's decision, he has no confidence in the town's decision about his case.

Both Clark and Bigelow intend to pursue the matter further and in what Clark called a "more neutral court."

"Just give me more time to do this," Bigelow said. "I'm not helpless.

"I'm not helpless. I didn't lose some six-figure job."

KERRY BIGELOW,
FIRED TOWN WORKER

I didn't lose some six-figure job."

The NAACP has taken up Bigelow and Clark's case, deeming it a civil rights struggle.

Bigelow and Clark were originally denied unemployment benefits but have been receiving pay since Feb. 7 after McSurely successfully

appealed to the N.C. Employment Securities Commission.

Bigelow said he now plans to commit full-time to the ministry at Lord's House of Prayer in Burlington, where he's been active since 2007.

"This is far from over," he said. "My trust is in the Lord."

Even with the verdict, Bigelow still remains hopeful for his future.

"In the end I believe justice will be served," he said.

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1	6	5	3	9	8	2	7	4
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Twisted metal
Dan Murphy's spiraling metal sculptures adorn the Union gallery. See pg. 3 for story.

Getting green degrees
A Hillsborough college will offer a curriculum in renewable energy. See pg. 4 for story.

High-tech touching
A 92-inch touch-screen will let N.C. State University students play with graphics. See pg. 4 for story.

'Quiet Beatle' honored
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5 Works in the Uffizi Gallery
9 Gets ready
14 "Rhythm"
15 Role for Carrie
16 Singer Gorme
17 Money for the Warsaw government?
19 Letter alternative
20 They may be precious
21 Divulge
23 Hydrocarbon suffix
24 Fluorescent bulb filler
25 Foot-tapping songs?
27 "1984" protagonist
29 Cut it out
30 Place to be pampered
31 French mystic Simone
34 Maundy Thursday period
35 Songwriting, to Porter?
38 G-note
40 Increase in intensity, with "up"
41 Previously
44 Weather map features
46 Ardur
49 Actor's messages from an agent?
52 asada (Mexican meat dish)
53 TV's Alf and others
54 Skin-
soothing stuff
55 Bouquets
56 Rob of "90210"
58 Grain for bagels?
60 Sport with clay pigeons
61 Auth. of many quotes?
62 Old Boston Bruin nickname
63 Newbies
64 Following
65 Remarriage prefix
DOWN
1 With-the-grain cutters
2 Vacation for the vain?
3 Smoked deli meat
4 Dictators' aides
5 Wistful word
6 "Wonder Dog" of comics
7 Relate with
8 Drilling support
9 Willy-nilly
10 3-Down might be on it
11 Enters carefully
12 Rachmaninoff, e.g.
13 Prime
18 Certain caterpillar's creation
22 Was in front
25 Look from Snidely Whiplash
26 Broken in
28 Rice University mascot
32 "___ picture paints ___": song lyric
33 Walks with a cane, perhaps
35 Road marker
36 Stunned ones
37 Clean air org.
38 October Revolution leader
39 It can facilitate drawing
41 With the most open windows
42 Flipped
43 Convenient, shoppingwise
44 Least constrained
45 Erie Canal mule
47 Flat-bottomed boat
48 Ornamental bands
50 Lindsay of "Labor Pains"
51 Sierra
55 Cooped (up)
57 Fair-hiring abbr.
59 Bagel topping

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