

**BASKETBALL**

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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**

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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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**BIGELOW**

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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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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

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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**

Local musicians will pay tribute to George Harrison in Carrboro this Saturday. See pg. 9 for story.

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

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**ACROSS**

- Lee followers
- Works in the Uffizi Gallery
- Gets ready
- "Rhythm"
- Role for Carrie
- Singer Gorme
- Money for the Warsaw government?
- Letter alternative
- They may be precious
- Divulge
- Hydrocarbon suffix
- Fluorescent bulb filler
- Foot-tapping songs?
- "1984" protagonist — Smith
- Cut it out
- Place to be pampered
- French mystic Simone
- Maundy Thursday period
- Songwriting, to Porter?
- G-note
- Increase in intensity, with "up"
- Previously
- Weather map features
- Ardor
- Actor's messages from an agent?
- asada (Mexican meat dish)
- TV's Alf and others
- Skin-

**DOWN**

- With-the-grain cutters
- Vacation for the vain?
- Smoked deli meat
- Dictators' aides
- Wistful word
- "Wonder Dog" of comics
- Relate with
- Drawing support
- Willy-nilly
- 3-Down might be on it
- Enters carefully

soothing stuff

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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