

Tar Heels get defensive on Tigers



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Harrison Barnes brutalizes Clemson's Milton Jennings with a one-handed dunk with three minutes left in UNC's 64-62 win against Clemson on Saturday. Barnes scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed five rebounds.

Barnes' dunk shifts momentum for UNC

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CLEMSON, S.C. — Both teams struggled to play anything resembling basketball for the first 37 minutes of North Carolina's 64-62 win against Clemson.

But then UNC freshmen produced two flashes of physical prowess that helped propel the Tar Heels to a victory.

With just more than three minutes left, Harrison Barnes muscled a dunk through the hoop off a spin move that left Milton Jennings sprawled on the ground and Clemson's fans aghast.

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Two possessions later, Kendall Marshall swiped the ball out of Demontez Stitt's grasp and took the ball the other way for a layup to increase the lead.

"It was kind of a spur-of-the-moment thing," Barnes said of his dunk. "I got high enough that I could, and I just dunked it."

Barnes did not plan to join former Tar Heel Jerry Stackhouse, who was in attendance on Saturday, in the pantheon of most memorable UNC dunks — it just happened.

"I was more reacting to the way the dude fell," Marshall said. "Harrison's a strong kid, and to see him go up like that and keep elevating on a dunk like that. That was a Blake Griffin-type dunk."

Barnes' dunk launched a tranquilizer dart into the neck of the Clemson faithful. The crowd's pointed silence reverberated through Littlejohn Coliseum.

"I saw Harrison do that in the summer, I had never seen him do that in the game," forward John Henson said. "I think that's a top-10-play type thing. I can't wait to see it on film."

After Marshall's steal, the freshman point guard showed experience beyond his years, as he pushed the ball despite appearing to go 1-on-2.

He outraced one Tiger and finished the layup over the other to widen the lead to four points.

"Easy baskets are hard to come by tonight. They're a great defensive team, especially at home, so I wanted to take advantage of the break," Marshall said.

The game as a whole was not pretty, as both teams combined to shoot 36 percent from the field.

Some of the offensive futility could be attributed to a lack of movement, but both defenses should get credit for shutting down each offense's strength.

"We have always said we want to win in the 90s, but we got to be able to win in the 60s," UNC coach Roy Williams said. "We work on it all

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UNC throws block party

Henson intimidates Clemson in low post

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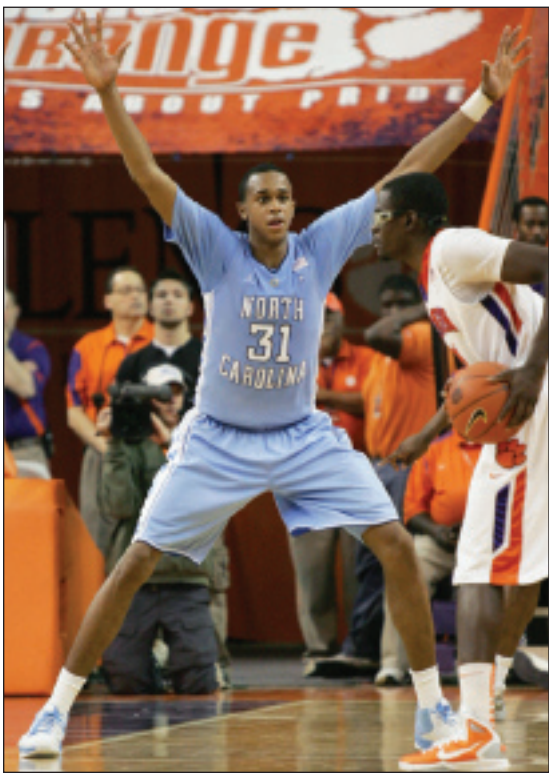
By now, opponents of North Carolina should have seen the scouting report on John Henson.

He's long and he blocks shots. Yet the entire contest Clemson went into the lane against the 6-foot-10 forward like he was a contestant for the Bob Cousy Award.

"It's just human nature," said Henson, who scored 14 points and gathered nine defensive rebounds. "You've been playing basketball so long you're not just going to back down. Rightfully so, you shouldn't. My length always bothers people, surprises people. It's something you've got to deal with."

The Clemson big men refused to deal. The Tigers tried the paint early and moved outside once they realized Henson and fellow forward Tyler Zeller would have none of their high-percentage shots.

The duo was especially effective on a day when Clemson shot 34.4 percent from the



DTH/WILL COOPER

John Henson used his length to bully would-be Clemson scorers on Saturday. He swatted four shots while daring Tigers to enter the paint on defense.

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Nebraska pins North Carolina

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The North Carolina wrestling team knew that beating No. 14 Nebraska would be a tall task.

Immediately following Saturday's duel with the Cornhuskers, the Tar Heels (8-9-1) realized just how tough it was. On senior day for the Tar Heels, UNC lost 31-6.

Eight UNC wrestlers dropped their bouts against Nebraska on Saturday. No Tar Heel registered a takedown until the sixth match nor did his opponent until the seventh match.

"We just got beat by a better team today," coach C.D. Mock said.

Mock attributed the large score gap to the Cornhuskers' experience. Nebraska, of the historically strong Big 12 Conference, only wrestled one freshman. The Tar Heels threw six rookies onto the mat.

"It was just confidence and experience," Mock said. "Wrestling in the Midwest ... these guys are banging heads with very, very tough teams every single week all year long, and they gain valuable experience pretty quick."

Thomas Ferguson was one of two UNC wrestlers to win his bout, picking up the decision in the final match of the afternoon.

Each of the Cornhuskers first three wrestlers was nationally ranked in the top 15, which helped Nebraska take the 184-pound, 197-pound and heavyweight bouts over Tar Heel freshmen.

Jake Corrill, Pat Owens and Mike Rappo also couldn't provide any answers for UNC, falling 6-0, 7-1 and 10-3, respectively.

Down 21-0, the Tar Heels found hope in the 149-pound match. After wrestling fairly even through the first five and a half minutes, Nick Stabile scored two points on a reversal and gained a lead which he kept until the final buzzer.

Stabile's win reenergized the UNC squad, especially with thriving Corey Mock wrestling next.

"I was definitely riding off that momentum," he said. "I was feeling good, but later when I started my legs started getting tired."

Mock set the tone in the first set, registering a two-point takedown when he dragged his opponent back into the ring by his foot and put the Cornhusker on his back.

But he was soon spent. Nebraska's Tyler Koehn fought back and took control of the match, scoring a fall when he pinned the freshman with just eight seconds left.

"I didn't cut my weight very well I don't think," Corey Mock said. "I was really tired, I blew all I had in that first takedown."

The fall clinched the win for Nebraska by putting the Cornhuskers ahead by 24 points.

"They're tough," Stabile said. "They wrestle Big Ten, Big 12 style. We're trying to adapt to that, and that style is clashing right now, but we'll get there."

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Miami 3-pointers bury No. 13 UNC

Williams, Yderstrom star as Tar Heels fall to 4th in ACC

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It was a game of threes Sunday in Carmichael Arena as the North Carolina women's basketball team faced Miami.

But they weren't exactly falling from the hands of the Tar Heels in their 78-66 loss to the Hurricanes.

No. 13 UNC (22-4, 8-3 ACC) failed to hit a single one of its nine 3-point attempts in the first half and sank just two in the second to shoot an abysmal 9.1 percent from beyond the arc.

"Good shooting cures a multitude of sins, and we're 2-for-22 from the three and they're 10-for-24," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "You gotta make your shots."

Meanwhile, thanks to four 3-pointers apiece from guards Riquana Williams and Stefanie Yderstrom, No. 20 Miami (22-3, 8-2) had no trouble putting up big numbers to maintain a steady lead throughout the game.

"That had to surprise Carolina a little bit — that was big for us," Miami coach Katie Meier said. "They swarm the ball so heavy. They're so unbelievably hard to score in the paint against, you kind of have to get it in and kick it out and say a nice prayer and hope it goes in."

Although junior Chay Shegog powered through three Hurricane defenders to tie the game at 44 less than five minutes into the second half, Miami's shooters were there to once again widen the gap with a 10-0 run.

"I thought when we tied it up that we'd get things going," Hatchell said. "And then we came down and didn't match up a couple times on transition defense, and they got open and made a three."

The Tar Heels' woes certainly started from 3-point rage, but the team's defensive approach provided nearly as many problems.

Miami outrebounded UNC, most notably in the offensive category, picking up 16 second-chance points to pull away — all while maintaining composure on transition plays to keep UNC from scoring.

"I think we're one of the few teams in the league

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Starting at forward, Laura Broomfield scored 18 points and grabbed a season-high 15 rebounds for UNC in the loss. She was the lone bright spot offensively for the team.

Women’s lacrosse gets by Rookies lead UNC in debut

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The North Carolina women's lacrosse team kicked off its season in dramatic fashion Saturday, defeating Florida 10-9 on a game-winning goal from senior Corey Donohoe with seven seconds remaining in overtime.

After trading goals with Florida (0-1) in the first half of the overtime period, the No. 3 Tar Heels (1-0) took possession at the beginning of the second with hopes of holding the ball for the last shot of the game.

North Carolina safely worked the ball around the goal for the first 2:30 of overtime's second half to ensure the Gators would have little time to respond with a possession of their own.

With 30 seconds left to play, UNC started to run its offense, but had little success penetrating Florida's tight defense inside the crease.

That's when Donohoe stepped in.

She got the ball with 18 seconds left to play, looked up at the clock

and took the game into her own hands.

"Our first play actually didn't work, and I knew that the time was getting down so I just decided to attack on the crease," Donohoe said. "I just went for it, and luckily I got the inside roll and I was able to get a shot off."

She spun off her defender and finished with a shot that landed in the upper-right pocket of the goal.

Though they controlled possession for 96 percent of the second overtime half, the Tar Heels struggled throughout the game with holding onto the ball.

After jumping to a 3-0 lead in the first 14 minutes, North Carolina gave up five straight Florida goals, some of which came off UNC turnovers.

"Basic throwing and catching, throwing the ball away, not watching the ball into your stick, basic fundamentals that we do everyday in practice we just weren't getting down," Donohoe said.

"And they caused turnovers, and we gave them possessions, and they were capitalizing on those possessions."

North Carolina continued its

possession struggles into the second half, scoring only one goal in the first 24 minutes of the period.

"The offense just didn't have enough possessions," coach Jenny Levy said. "I thought the possessions we had, we didn't capitalize and they were really quick and we need to be a little more patient."

But facing a two-goal deficit with seven minutes remaining in regulation, UNC got its act together quickly.

The Tar Heels scored two goals in 24 seconds to even the score, 8-8.

The scoring spurt was sparked by Donohoe, who picked up a loose ball at midfield and thundered down to the 8-meter crease before she was fouled. Donohoe converted her free-position shot to put the Tar Heels within one goal of the lead.

The Donohoe goal woke up the under-performing Tar Heels, who began to show flashes of the team that beat Florida 18-5 last season.

"This is a work in progress," Levy said. "We're not going to play our best lacrosse on Feb. 12."

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that is athletic enough to attack the offensive glass and still not get burned on transition," Meier said.

Williams, the ACC's leading scorer, had no problems escaping UNC's defense to sink 25 points from 31 attempts.

Turning to a full-court press nearly from the start of play, UNC's attempts at an aggressive stop weren't enough to spur a run and even sent senior Cetera DeGraffenreid straight to the bench with three fouls in just more than 10 minutes of play.

With seniors Jessica Breland and Italee Lucas — who shot 1-for-9 from the 3-point range — kept nearly silent, it seemed like only Laura Broomfield could score to counter Miami's growing lead.

The junior forward shone for North Carolina with a double-double for 15 rebounds and 18 points,

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SYLVIA HATCHELL, UNC COACH

but even she was disappointed with the Tar Heels' effort.

"It was pretty frustrating, but more so on defense," Broomfield said. "That was the most frustrating thing for me — the plays where they just kept getting easy layups."

With a week off before playing N.C. State next Monday, UNC has time to regroup before attempting to work their way up the ACC standings as they drop behind Duke, Florida State and Miami.

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the time. We don't work on playing ugly, but we work on halfcourt offense, on guarding people."

Forgotten in the highlights was Marshall's shooting from the free throw line. Had he not gone 10-for-11 from the charity stripe — including 7-of-8 in the final minute — the game could have easily gone Clemson's way.

Instead, Marshall's steady free throw shooting caused the Tigers' late string of 3-pointers to be little more than desperation shots.

"We kept going to the free throw line and killing ourselves by only making one shot, but Kendall went 10-for-11," Williams said. "That was huge for us. Needless to say, we feel very fortunate to get the heck out of here with a win."

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North Carolina's matchup against Robert Morris on Saturday was not simply a season opener; it was the collegiate debut of coach Joe Breschi's No. 1 recruiting class.

Freshman attackman Nicky Galasso, the top-rated recruit in the country, lived up to expectations by netting four goals, including one in the final three minutes, to help lead the No. 3 Tar Heels to a 14-11 win against the No.

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UNC 14

21 Colonials.

The Tar Heels never trailed, but the game appeared to be slipping away in the final period as Robert Morris brought the game to within a goal after Colonial midfielder Kevin Brownell scored with an assist from Kiel Matisz.

But the Tar Heels appeared to be unfazed by the Colonials' last-minute comeback attempt.

"We had to slow the ball down and move the ball," Galasso said. "We had to make singles instead of making the home run plays."

After their goal, the Colonials

charged down the field in their campaign to tie the score.

But UNC senior defenseman Ryan Flanagan never gave them the chance.

After forcing a turnover by Matisz, Flanagan earned the ground ball and started on a fast break down the field.

"That might have been the play of the season so far, where he picks off that pass in a one-goal game and goes down and hits his fellow West Islip player, Galasso, on the doorstep to go up two with three or four minutes to go," Breschi said.

Less than two minutes after Galasso's goal, fellow freshman Mark McNeill sealed UNC's win by scoring an unassisted goal on an open net with 1:08 remaining in game.

McNeill ended the game with two second-half goals and one assist.

"The freshmen just did a tremendous job of keeping their poise under pressure, and the veteran guys stepped up," Breschi said.

Flanagan's goal might have been the play of the season thus far, but Marcus Holman's goal as time expired in the second quarter was the play of the first half. The 2010

ACC Rookie of the Year scored three times.

Robert Morris' unique style of play, which included fake flips and unusual rebounds, might differ from the Tar Heels' techniques, but it did not cause Breschi to alter his game plan.

"I think what we talked about were the fundamentals, the way you have to play those guys, the Canadian kids, is just stick to the fundamentals and not try to do anything out of sorts," Breschi said. "Just try to take the ball away and play good, sound defense."

The UNC defense did its job as they helped the team earn 12 out of 13 possible clears along with scooping up 36 ground balls to Robert Morris' 22 for the game.

The defensive effort carried all the way to the goal, as redshirt senior and 2010 All-ACC goalie Chris Madalon had 11 saves on Robert Morris' 31 shots.

"I think offensively we did a great job over all and defensively really we did a sound job," Breschi said. "It's just preparation now ... really just fine tuning our game."

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field. The inability to get the ball in the paint forced the Tigers to pass the ball out of the lane and to the perimeter.

"That helps us a ton," said Zeller on Henson's length. "Our guards can pressure a little more and know we're behind them. I think we did a good job with challenging shots. We were lucky that they weren't hitting."

Henson was a point and a rebound shy of a double-double at halftime. He turned away three Clemson attempts as the Tigers shot 27.3 percent from the field in the first half. Clemson finished the game with 16 points in the paint but borrowed some from the eight fast-break points.

Clemson's starting power forward and center, Devin Booker and Jerai Grant, combined to go 0-for-9 from the field for two points and five rebounds. Zeller and Henson went 9-for-20 with 24 points and 19 rebounds.

In the two contests against North Carolina this season, Grant has shot an underwhelming 1-for-

15 with two points.

"We've been really fortunate to catch him on two days that he has shot the ball like that," Williams said of Grant. "John is really long, and he affects some shots that he doesn't even block. Those guys inside are a big-time obstacle for the other team to get something in the basket."

Henson finished the game with four blocks, but none bigger than his denial of Grant early in the second half. With the shot clock winding down, Grant seemingly played volleyball with Henson and set up the UNC sophomore with a spike.

Clemson guard Andre Young gathered the loose ball and hoisted a weak layup that was in turn rejected by Zeller. The block party was the second-most demoralizing play for Clemson, trailing only Harrison Barnes' facial on Milton Jennings.

"We like to make it as difficult as possible in the lane," Zeller said. "Anytime you can do that, you get a little momentum and I think that helped shift the momentum our way."

The pair has worked in the paint together for the last two years, but

during the summer, Henson and Zeller choose opposite sides in pick-up games.

Zeller described his compatriot as deceptively long and said Henson has turned away "his fair share" of Zeller's shots in summer ball.

"I go after every shot I can," Henson said. "Sometimes I should take a charge — I'm working on that. I just try to block all the shots and be that intimidating factor and make them think twice when they're going to the basket."

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33 Satisfied sound

36 Drink away, as sorrows

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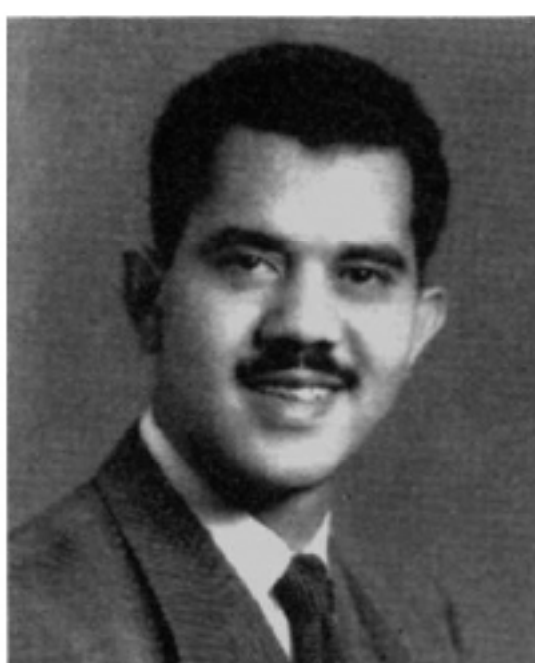
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