

DTH PICKS OF THE WEEK

The DTH SportsFriday staff and one celebrity compete to pick the winners of the biggest ACC and national college basketball games each week.

Senior assistant sports editor Aaron Taube pushed his slim lead out to a three-game advantage with a stellar 7-1 week. Boston College was the only winner that Taube failed to pick.

But everyone failed to pick BC. It looks like everyone lost faith in the Golden Eagles after that 32-point drubbing the Tar Heels dropped on them in Chestnut Hill.

Senior writer Louie Horvath and Assistant Sports Editor Brandon Moree made strides to make up ground on the leader by posting 6-2 marks. They both underestimated Billy Donovan's Florida squad as they upset Kentucky. They should have known that it would be tough for the Wildcats to win in

Gainesville.

Sports Editor Jonathan Jones and Assistant Sports Editor Kelly Parsons seem to be stuck at 5-3, posting the same record now two weeks in a row. It looks like it will take more than that to catch up with Taube.

This week's guest picker is Brandon Finch, the president of the Carolina Athletic Association. Finch said he was ready to avenge his poor performance as the guest picker during football season, so here we go.

Finch likes the Tar Heels over the Tigers again since the team is really heating up, and so are Barnes and Henson. Finch said the Hurricanes turn the ball over too much to beat



Outgoing CAA President **Brandon Finch** tries to redeem himself after last semester's poor performance in football picks. Picking N.C. State won't do him any favors.

Duke, so he's picking the Blue Devils.

He is picking the Wolfpack to prevail in the battle of cellar-dwellers in Winston-Salem.

"If I had a dollar for every time Wake has lost this year," Finch said. "I'd just about have enough money to pay for the Union renovation fee increase being considered."

Last Week	Jonathan Jones	Louie Horvath	Aaron Taube	Kelly Parsons	Brandon Moree	Sarah Frier	Brandon Finch
Record to date	5-3 19-13 (.594)	6-2 18-14 (.563)	7-1 22-10 (.688)	5-3 19-13 (.594)	6-2 18-14 (.563)	5-3 17-15 (.531)	5-3 18-14 (.563)
UNC at Clemson	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
N. C. State at Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	N.C. State	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	N.C. State
Georgia Tech at Va. Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech
Duke at Miami	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
Ohio State at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Ohio State	Wisconsin	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
Pittsburgh at Villanova	Villanova	Villanova	Pittsburgh	Villanova	Pittsburgh	Villanova	Villanova
Syracuse at Louisville	Syracuse	Syracuse	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Syracuse	Syracuse
Kentucky at Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky

KEENE

FROM PAGE 4

Keene's roommate Adam Curry, a junior football player and high school track captain, said Keene is the best guy he knows.

"He just works to be the best," Curry said. "In track, in his art — it doesn't matter. And then he drops this bomb that he can't see shades and it makes it even more amazing."

Since Keene is a completely self-taught painter, the focus and

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ADAM CURRY, KEENE'S ROOMMATE

patience he has gained from the throwing techniques have helped him immensely in his art, which he mostly paints from his memories of Africa.

One of his favorite canvases is a representation of the four generations of men on his mom's side of the family.


returned to his Ghana, where he was inspired by the local tradition of wood carving. Like his painting, his African heritage has stayed with him on this side of the Atlantic, and he is looking to take wood carving and airbrushing classes at UNC.

"I haven't really found a limit to what I can do yet," he said.

"So I'm going to keep pushing and pushing until I hit one."


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THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME



No. 20 North Carolina vs. Clemson

(17-6, 7-2 ACC)




Littlejohn Coliseum, 1 p.m.

(17-7, 6-4 ACC)

HEAD-TO-HEAD


Backcourt

Clemson point guard and 2007 North Carolina Mr. Basketball Demontez Stitt, leads the Tigers in points and assists. The Tigers' starting guards shoot close to 40 percent from three. Still, we like Kendall Marshall and Dexter Strickland's dribble penetration a tad better.
Edge: UNC




Frontcourt

In the teams' first meeting of the season the Tigers' frontcourt was unable to do much of anything outside of Devin Booker's highlight-reel follow-slam. Look for the Tar Heel starting frontcourt to replicate its dominant 54-percent shooting performance at Littlejohn.
Edge: UNC




Bench

No one on the Clemson bench besides Milton Jennings, who averages 8.3 points and 5 rebounds per game, produces much. Even without Larry Drew II, the UNC bench is better with three Tar Heel back-ups averaging 5 or more points per game or more.
Edge: UNC



Intangibles

The Tar Heels are out of the frying pan and into the fire at what is possibly the second-most difficult ACC venue to play in. Plus, the Tigers will be hungry from losing a second-half lead at the Smith Center earlier this season.
Edge: Clemson



The Bottom Line — North Carolina 74, Clemson 66

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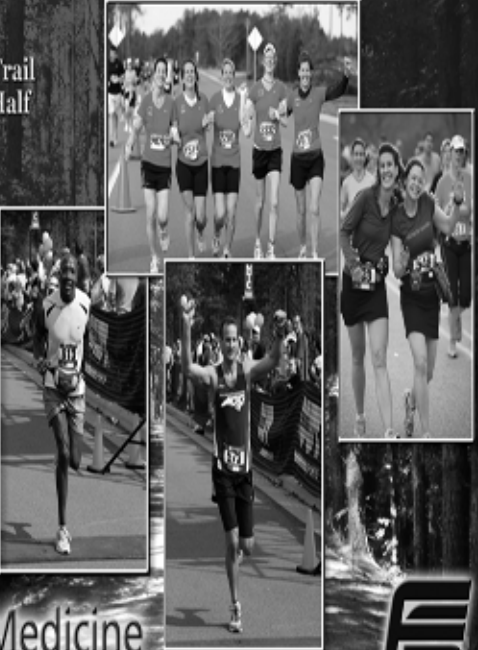
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