

Tar Heels clicking with Maryland win

UNC continues perfect home record as ACC play nears end

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When North Carolina last played Duke, it was for first place in the ACC.

After beating Maryland 87-76 Sunday night, the Tar Heels will once again have a chance to beat the Blue Devils for the outright ACC regular season championship.

But the Tar Heels don't want that thought on their minds — at least, not right now.

"We knew we had a chance to be able to put ourselves in this situation," forward Tyler Zeller said. "It's nice to be able to say we have a chance to do that, but at the same time, we've got to win Wednesday before we get the chance Saturday."

UNC plays Florida State on Wednesday before taking on Duke on Saturday, and Sunday's win against

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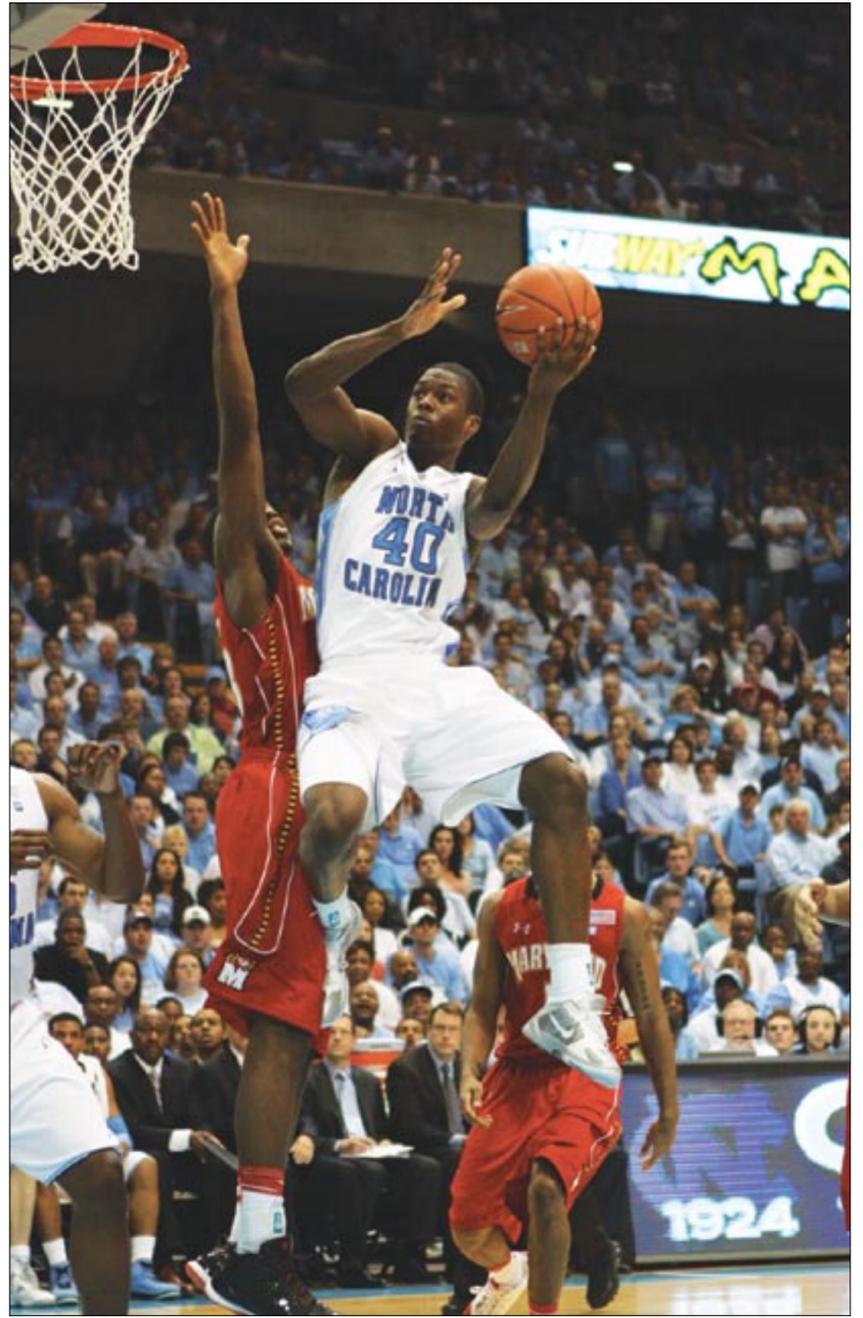
Maryland seems to have put UNC's offense back on track for another good two-game stretch against FSU and Duke.

UNC's 87 points against Maryland were the most the Tar Heels have scored since Feb. 6, when North Carolina had 89 points in a win against FSU.

"I don't know about you guys, but I like scoring 87 a lot better than I like scoring 48," Williams said. "It gives you a little more heart attacks during the game ... but I like that a lot better."

UNC's offense got out to a quick start thanks to Harrison Barnes. The freshman made three early 3-pointers and then quickly cooled down, but the lead it gave UNC was never forfeited. Barnes finished the

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Harrison Barnes goes up for two of his 21 points against Maryland on Sunday. The freshman forward scored 20-plus points for the fourth time this season and led all shooters with 23 attempts, making nine.

Henson's height halts Terrapins

Forward's length bothers opponents

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John Henson embodied North Carolina's identity on Sunday night in UNC's 87-76 win against Maryland at the Smith Center.

He swatted shots, tipped passes, grabbed rebounds and generally made life difficult for Maryland on the offensive end of the court.

Jordan Williams of Maryland could do little against Henson's gangly reach, much like fellow interior stars like C.J. Leslie, Terrence Jones and Jerai Grant before him.

"They're going to block some shots," Maryland coach Gary Williams said about UNC's bigs. "Henson, I don't think there's a better shot blocker in the country."

"That's a pretty good combination when it's 7-foot (Tyler Zeller) and 6-foot-10. There are some NBA teams who would like to have that size up front."

If there was only one reason UNC held Maryland to 41.1 percent shooting, it would be the interior play of Henson.

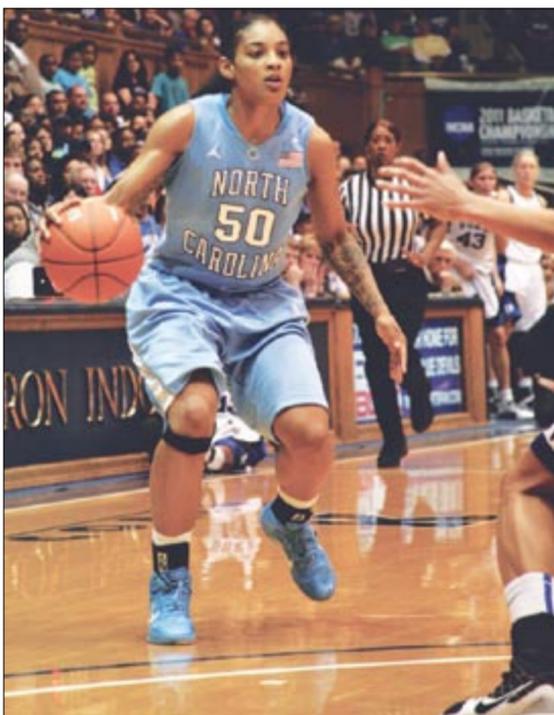
"John does a lot of damage



At 6-foot-10, John Henson altered opponents' shots on many occasions. He grabbed 10 defensive rebounds and blocked seven Maryland shots.

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UNC looks forward after Duke



Senior Italee Lucas led UNC with 15 points against Duke on Sunday. The Tar Heels will play Clemson in the first round of the ACC Tournament.

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DURHAM — After a 66-58 loss to No. 9 Duke on Sunday, the North Carolina women's basketball team wiped its slate clean.

As the Blue Devils cut down the nets on senior night and celebrated a split regular season ACC title with Miami, the No. 13 Tar Heels (22-7, 8-6 ACC) assessed the game's strengths and immediately set their focus on the upcoming ACC Tournament.

Forgetting about the loss sending UNC into a four-game losing streak and forcing the Tar Heels to play on the first day of the ACC Tournament, North Carolina found peace in a solid first half of evenly matched basketball.

"I was proud of how hard we played," UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "I thought we played really well in the first half. I thought we battled hard."

The Tar Heels played their best half of late and took control of the boards 29-25 early in a sold-out Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Forcing an extremely physical and foul-heavy game, UNC took a two-point lead at halftime as Duke's rushed offense struggled

DTH ONLINE: UNC couldn't blame its shooting from the free-throw line in the loss.

with 24.3 percent shooting.

But that advantage was quick to disappear in the second half.

Duke (26-3, 12-2) found its rhythm with 15-for-32 shooting challenging UNC's defense and to dominating the game's tempo.

"It was going back and forth, back and forth and that's something that we did for the entire game in (Chapel Hill)," Duke senior Jasmine Thomas said. "Recognizing that and really getting those defensive stops and taking our time and getting good possessions on offense led to that run."

Thomas scored a game-high 17 points, while fellow senior Karima Christmas put up a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Each time UNC connected on a shot to swing momentum back into the hands of the Tar Heels, Duke was there to slow down the pace of the game and regain control.

Capitalizing on UNC's missed rebounds and lost connections underneath the basket, the Blue Devils built a lead the Tar Heels were unable to challenge.

Junior Chay Shegog led the Tar Heels in the first half, scoring six

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Tar Heels take two of weekend's three

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The familiar ping of aluminum bats redirecting baseballs returned to UNC's Boshamer Stadium this weekend.

The North Carolina baseball team had its first home games

of the season, facing off versus Seton Hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Tar Heels (6-1) won the first two games by scores of 10-5 and 7-1 but

were shut down Sunday 3-1.

Despite losing the series finale, shortstop Levi Michael was happy to be back playing at home.

"It feels great to be back at the Bosh with a beautiful weekend and a lot of fans coming out making an exciting atmosphere," Michael said.

That atmosphere was felt Friday in the home opener where UNC got the victory with an impressive offensive outpour. They took the lead with a four-run-second

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DTH ONLINE: Catcher Jacob Stallings started the weekend strong before the Sunday game.

inning that was capped by a two-RBI double by Michael and never looked back.

Michael had an impressive weekend, filling up the stat sheet by getting on base nine times in 12 plate appearances, scoring three runs and driving in five more.

"I feel like I'm seeing the ball real well," Michael said. "I'm not chasing anything out of the zone, I'm just trying to stay within myself and just doing what I can to get on the bases and get some momentum going."

Saturday, UNC's offense once again came up big as they got to Seton Hall pitcher Greg Terhune the second time through the lineup. Colin Moran broke open the game with a two-RBI single in the fifth inning that helped give the Tar Heels a 7-1 lead that would stand for the final.

The run support was more than enough for pitcher Patrick Johnson, who had his second solid outing of the year, lasting seven innings and

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Northwestern scores last-second overtime goal in final four rematch

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The No. 3 North Carolina women's lacrosse team met a familiar foe at Fetzer Field, only to walk away with the same result.

In Friday's rematch of last year's final four, the No. 2 Northwestern Wildcats walked away victors, winning 7-6 off a goal scored with 15 seconds remaining in overtime.

The low final score starkly con-

trasts the offensive battle from last year's final four that ended in a 15-10 Tar Heel defeat. UNC's stifling defense was able to hold the Wildcats to their lowest scoring output in nearly three years.

"I've got a great defense. They played a really nice game," UNC coach Jenny Levy said. "I thought a couple different times at the end of the game, regulation time and in overtime, they did a fantastic job."

The Tar Heels earned 23 ground

balls while goalie Lauren Maksym protected the net with nine saves.

Northwestern's defensive effort was equally impressive, shutting down leading scorer Corey Donohoe. The senior attacker went scoreless from the field on two shots.

"Any time Corey had the ball they did a really nice job of sending a double out to her, so she was really someone who I thought they did a good job on her," Levy said.

With Donohoe's scoring ability

limited by her defenders, her teammates filled her role.

"It was a type of game where our depth was really used — everyone on the field recognized that they were capable of also offensively contributing," senior Kaitlyn Messenger said.

"Corey was face guarded for some time, and it made us realize that we all have strengths, we're all quick, we can all take the ball if we need to. And we noticed that. When it looked safe we just went

DTH ONLINE: UNC held a tight defense for the entire game against the Wildcats.

for it."

Messenger had a team-high three goals, including one with 5:59 remaining in the second half to put UNC ahead 6-5.

Kara Cannizzaro not only added a goal for the Tar Heels, but her fast break balls helped her team get in scoring position.

"It was really important to get the ball in transition up to our offense," Cannizzaro said. "Our defense made amazing stops, and I just happened to be the one who broke out and got the ball."

The offense scored six goals and took 23 shots despite Northwestern's pressure defense. UNC focused on adjusting to the Wildcats' style of play in prepara-

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