

## UNC dismantles FSU defense in win



UNC junior forward Tyler Zeller soars over Florida State's Bernard James in Sunday's game against the Seminoles. Zeller posted 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting in 27 minutes of play. DTH/WILL COOPER

### UNC cruising through ACC as Wednesday's Duke game awaits

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North Carolina picked an interesting time to turn in its best offensive game of the season against Florida State in a 89-69 win in the Smith Center.

In what figured to be a defensive battle between two of the best defenses in the country, UNC ran roughshod over the Seminoles.

Florida State had never given up more than 73 points in a game this season — UNC had that in just under 35 minutes.

"It was a good outing for us to say the least," coach Roy Williams said. "I thought early we were settling for too many jumpers, but in the second half, I can't find much wrong with what we did offensively at all."

High praise from Williams, but the numbers flesh out

what an offensive performance it was. Through 23 games, Florida State had allowed only four teams to shoot above 40 percent. The Tar Heels shot 56 percent on the game and a staggering 64 percent in the second half.

FSU has had a suffocating defense in past years, as only one opponent in its last 90 games has shot at least 50 percent.

In front of a raucous Smith Center crowd, the Tar Heels simply never stopped making shots.

"Some of it is just hitting shots," forward Tyler Zeller said. "Some of it is getting the shots. If you can find an open man, move the ball quickly, that will help a lot."

Even the usually scattershot John Henson nailed a few 20 footers on his way to 16 points.

"I've hit a couple jump shots in previous games, and that's one of those things, once you start hitting jumpshots,

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## Marshall showcases leadership



Kendall Marshall scored nine points and dished out a UNC freshman record 16 assists against Florida State. He played more minutes on Sunday following Larry Drew II's departure. DTH/JAMES CARRAS

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With Larry Drew II gone from North Carolina's basketball team, freshman point guard Kendall Marshall didn't just cover his own average production.

He covered Drew's, too.

"I just thought Kendall was sensational," UNC coach Roy Williams said. "Sixteen assists. Three turnovers. I think he stepped up, and we need him to."

Marshall scored nine points and his career-high 16 assists set a UNC freshman record. It's also the most assists by a UNC point guard in an ACC game.

"(Harrison Barnes) looked up at the scoreboard and he looked at me and told me I set the record, and I was like, 'Wow,'" Marshall said. "Just thinking about all the great point guards that have come through here, it's a good feeling."

Marshall supplied his career game at just the right time — in the midst of adversity. Williams said the past 48 hours have been difficult, but it was his words that stuck with Marshall most in the days leading up to Sunday's game.

"He told me, 'Tough times don't last, but tough players do,'" Marshall said.

Against Florida State, Marshall pushed his toughness to the limit. He sat out only four minutes and vomited at halftime, which he said drove him even harder.

The only thing Marshall wished he had at the end of the game was an oxygen mask.

"Hopefully I can get (his minutes) down a little bit," Williams said. "In '05, Raymond Felton averaged 34 minutes a game, but Raymond is a different animal."

But Marshall wasn't the only Tar Heel to step up. It's still too early to know the full effect of Drew's absence, but sophomore Dexter Strickland did his part to fill it.

"The biggest change for somebody is Dexter, who is all of a sudden having to spend two days of practice trying to work on the one spot and the things that he has to do there," Williams said.

Strickland started the game at shooting guard, but was relieved early to help Marshall.

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## Wrestling snaps losing skid with weekend sweep

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The North Carolina wrestling team got off to a slow start Friday night against the Wolfpack, dropping three of the first four bouts.

Then Corey Mock stepped on the mat.

Mock almost ended the bout in the second period with a near fall, but it would only take 43 seconds in the third period to pin N.C. State's 157-pounder and win the bout. After the referee slapped the mat signifying the pin, Mock jumped to his feet and egged on the Carmichael crowd.

Riding the wave of the momentum Mock created, UNC went on to beat the Wolfpack 24-12.

"Before I went out there coach (Cary) Kolat told me 'you gotta get these guys pumped up,'" Mock said. "I love getting everybody going, so I

just went with it — got a little excited."

It must have worked.

After having lost the two matches prior to Mock's pin, the Tar Heels rallied to win five straight matches.

The Tar Heels kept the Carolina-blue and white mat hot again on Saturday afternoon against Edinboro, starting off with 125-pound wrestler Nick Shields' first pin of the year. UNC would never surrender the lead, and they captured a 29-17 victory against the Fighting Scots.

"I didn't even say anything before the guys went out, Coach Kolat just went off and really fired them up," UNC coach C.D. Mock said. "It was good, really woke them up a little bit."

Senior Thomas Scotton snapped a six-match losing streak Friday against the Wolfpack when he beat Nijel Jones 6-5, but not in the most convincing fashion.

"It's a release," Scotton said. "It lets me know I still know how to wrestle."

DTH ONLINE: Five of the six freshmen who faced N.C. State took home wins.

Scotton started off the match strong, taking a 4-1 lead with a takedown in the first and a reversal in the second.

Despite receiving a penalty in the final minutes for stalling, Scotton sealed the victory, which served as a major confidence booster for the 165-pounder.

In his match on Saturday with Edinboro's Ethan Saylor, Scotton looked much more driven and determined to wrestle to the final whistle. Scotton won 6-2.

"I texted (Scotton) last night and said, 'Look, you have to stop wrestling with fear and doubt,'" Coach Mock said.

Last week's ACC co-wrestler of the week Antonio Giorgio beat N.C. State's Pat Carey in the 184-pound bout on Friday, but he suffered a

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Zac Bennett grabbed two wins for the Tar Heels during the weekend from his 197-pound spot. UNC beat N.C. State and Edinboro soundly. DTH/CARTER MCCALL

## Tar Heels honor seniors, beat Duke

### 10 UNC swimmers earn career-best times

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There was an air of sadness in the Koury Natatorium on Friday.

Though the North Carolina men's and women's swimming and diving teams raced to 168-107 and 163-122 wins against rival Duke respectively, it was the last time 14 Tar Heel seniors would compete together.

But despite the gloom associated with career-ending swims, an irrefutable energy filled the jam-packed natatorium as seniors celebrated a successful four years, and many Tar Heels swam the best performances of their lives.

"This is by far the most fun I've had in a dual meet during my entire career," senior Vinny Pryor said. "It's not just about the seniors, it's about getting to see those guys go fast and I think that's where a lot of the energy comes from."

The men won every event, and the women won 12 of 16. Many of the typical top-finishers continued to put points on the board, as senior Tommy Wyher took home three victories, and Pryor demolished the rest of the field



Senior Vinny Pryor beat Duke for the fourth time in his career on Senior Day. Pryor picked up a second-straight victory in the 200-yard breaststroke entering postseason swim meets. DTH/MELISSA KEY

DTH ONLINE: Waiting in the wings on Senior Day were several quality swimmers.

for the second meet in a row in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Their swims helped the Tar Heels come away with a win, but to coach Rich DeSelm, they also served as a reminder of what he's

about to lose.

"You can't replace talent," DeSelm said. "They've helped us shape and develop the program and grow it to where it is, and hopefully their positive impacts are going to be long-lasting."

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## Maryland edges Tar Heels in home debut

### Gymnast Evans leads UNC again

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History repeated itself when the North Carolina gymnastics team took on Maryland in Carmichael Arena on Saturday.

The team's season opener was marked by individual triumphs, but the Tar Heels eventually fell to the Terrapins, losing the meet 193-192.6.

Last season, UNC held its first home meet against the Terrapins and lost by less than half a point.

Despite the loss, head coach Derek Galvin was pleased with the team's progress.

"The level of performances was higher than what we've done up to this point," Galvin said.

Junior Morgan Evans continued her reign as the Tar Heels' top performer and won her fourth consecutive All-Around title with a score of 38.85. Evans has taken the top spot in each meet the team has competed in this season.

DTH ONLINE: The balance beam proves to be North Carolina's downfall against Maryland.

Junior Krista Jasper also earned a personal-best All-Around score, and placed second with a 38.775.

North Carolina started strong on the vault, gathering a team score of 48.7. Jasper and freshman Kristin Aloï upgraded their difficulty on the vault. Both performed Yurchenko layouts they had competed earlier in the season.

"I was really nervous, but excited at the same time because I know I'm capable of doing that," Jasper said. "I proved to myself that I can do it under pressure."

The Tar Heels excelled on the uneven bars, and a missed release move by Maryland's Abigail Adams gave the Tar Heels the opening they needed to claim the event.

The bright spot of the night for UNC was redshirt senior Teri Diamond's performance on the uneven bars. With near-perfect execution and an original dismount, she took first on the event

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