

COLLAPSE IN CAMERON



Tyler Zeller misses this dunk attempt in Cameron as the Tar Heels dropped to the Blue Devils 79-73. Zeller was an offensive force for the Tar Heels with a team-high 24 points in his second consecutive loss to Duke in Durham.

Curry shines as UNC falters late

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DURHAM — Tyler Zeller sat with a Gatorade towel draped across his body. The junior had won big at Duke. He had lost even bigger at Duke. But this had never happened. Up by as many as 16 in the first half, North Carolina couldn't keep a lead that seemed too good to be true as UNC fell 79-73 to the Blue Devils.

"Personally it hurts more this year," Zeller said. "Obviously, my freshman year we were ecstatic. Last year they dominated us the whole game. Tonight we should have won. We shouldn't have given them the opportunities we did."

Zeller did everything he could in the 32 minutes he saw on the floor. He posted a team-high 24 points on 10-of-14 shooting and grabbed 13 rebounds, seven of which were offensive. He led the Tar Heel charge down low as UNC out-scored Duke 48-24 in the paint.

But the Tar Heel intensity that helped UNC to an 8-0 start to the game was lacking as the teams came out of intermission. The first half saw 43 UNC points to Duke's 29, as Zeller was just a rebound shy of a double-double.

Kendall Marshall, coming off the biggest game of his career against Florida State, dished out four assists in the first half, three of which were to Zeller and John Henson. The big men helped UNC to 28 points in the paint in the first half.

"I love playing with him," Zeller said. "He gets easy layups for me. He's a great player and a great passer."

Outside of Nolan Smith and Kyle Singler, Duke couldn't come up with any kind of offensive production in the first half. The Blue Devils got only 10 points outside of the duo in the first half.

Seth Curry would change that.

Whereas Smith and Singler had been the only emergency boats on a sinking vessel for Duke, Curry came along with life vests for all the Blue Devils.

Curry posted 18 second-half points in front of the Cameron crowd, going 6-for-8 in the second frame. His boost brought Duke back into contention, and Ryan Kelly's 3-pointer with 9:14 left put Duke in the driver's seat for the first time all game.

"Seth Curry was big to say the least," UNC coach Roy Williams said. "Nolan was a load, driving to the basket and getting in the lane and making plays."

He had to step up for a Duke team that typically depends on Singler and Smith for scoring. While Smith eventually poured in 34 points for a game-high, Singler was held in check the entire night by Harrison Barnes. The freshman, whose first visit to Cameron was as much speculation as his entire season has been expectation,

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SBP results still on hold

Phillips to court: Dismiss lawsuit

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In addressing the Student Supreme Court on Wednesday, the man who wants to release student election results rehased his argument: that nobody can challenge Ian Lee's candidacy almost two months after it was ruled legal.

Now, it's up to the court to decide whether that's a solid argument.

In a formal filing answering allegations by former Student Congress speaker Deanna Santoro, Andrew Phillips, chairman of the Board of Elections, requested that the court not hear the case while repeating several of the arguments he made in his motion to dismiss it.

Santoro resigned as speaker on Monday to sue the board for allowing Lee to run for student body president without stepping down from his position as student body secretary — which she said is prohibited by the Student Code.

Jessica Womack, the court's chief justice, said there will be no decision on whether to hold a pre-trial hearing until she receives briefs from both parties by 5 p.m. today.

Phillips said Santoro did not file the complaint within the 96-hour window for challenging a decision. The board ruled to allow Lee's candidacy on Dec. 13, but Santoro said a conversation with Phillips on Sunday renewed her ability to file.

Phillips dismissed that argument, writing in his response that the conversation marked an "ill-guided effort to revive an otherwise belated action."

He also argued that Santoro lacks standing to present the suit, saying she does not fall under any of the three criteria for bringing action against the elections board, one of which is being directly and adversely affected by a decision.

Santoro argued she was directly and adversely affected because she felt she had to resign as speaker in order to sue.

"This case presents a multitude of problems that have existed this election year," Santoro said.

Phillips countered, writing that the "adverse effect the plaintiff experienced was caused by her voluntary decision to resign."

While the candidates join the student body in awaiting the results, the candidates have the added pressure of the board audit on their campaigns.

Candidates were required to submit their financial statements to the board Wednesday by 5 p.m. Phillips said the statements must be reviewed by the board to certify the election results, but the court injunction has placed the entire process on hold.

The candidates said they are ready to know how the students voted.

Lee said he simply wants a resolution to the campaign season and the suit that questions the legitimacy of his candidacy.

"Everybody would like to stop the uncertainty and be able to know what comes next," he said.

Other candidates expressed frustration that the results were already in the hands of a board

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Duke's second-half run too much for UNC



Justin Knox, Dexter Strickland and Tyler Zeller look on as the last minutes of the game wind down. Strickland fouled out with six points and two rebounds. Forward Knox only managed to add three points off the bench.

Offensive rebounds create lethal 4-point plays

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DURHAM —It had to be coming. Surely the defending national champion Duke Blue Devils wouldn't allow their heated rivals from down Tobacco Road to come into their house and dominate as thoroughly as North Carolina did in the first half of No. 5 Duke's 79-73 win on Wednesday without a challenge.

That is exactly what happened — down 43-29 at half, the Blue Devils stormed out of the gates, mounting an 8-0 run that put Duke back in the game.

From there, the Tar Heels never recovered. "Basketball is about runs," Harrison Barnes said. "We knew that they would come out with extra intensity because they were down and on their home court, and we weren't able to match their intensity."

The oddity is that the entire eight-point run was contained in two four-point possessions that came after Duke senior Kyle Singler grabbed offensive rebounds off of free throws.

In both cases, Singler tapped the ball out of traffic to the perimeter, where Duke offensive players were able to either spot up or find an open teammate behind the arc.

"Two free throws early in the second half they missed, and get the offensive rebound and score there," UNC coach Roy Williams said.

The first trip started when Singler missed a layup, but Ryan Kelly collected the rebound and drew a foul.

After Kelly made the first free throw, Singler grabbed another offensive rebound. Fourteen

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Men's soccer coach of 22 years leaves UNC

Bolowich takes job at Creighton

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If North Carolina men's soccer coach Elmar Bolowich returns to his fourth consecutive College Cup next season, he won't be taking the Tar Heels with him.

After 22 years at the helm in Chapel Hill, the winningest men's soccer coach in UNC history resigned Wednesday in order to become the head coach at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

"I am very honored and excited to formally accept the head coaching position for the men's soccer team at Creighton University," Bolowich said in a press release. "(Creighton Athletic Director)



Bruce Rasmussen has made me an offer I couldn't refuse, as he is willing and able to provide the

Elmar Bolowich says Creighton is willing and able to provide resources to the soccer team.

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ELMAR BLOWICH, FORMER MEN'S SOCCER COACH

resources to make Creighton soccer a national power."

As a result, the University has named the program's top assistant, Carlos Somoano, head coach on an interim basis. Team spokesperson

Dave Schmidt said the athletic department will conduct a hiring search for the position and that Somoano will be considered as a

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this day in black history

FEB. 10, 1964 ...
The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is passed by the House of Representatives. The act would integrate schools and outlaw racial segregation.



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STUDENTS LOBBY

Student delegates from all 17 UNC-system schools flocked to Raleigh to lobby state government for minimal budget cuts.

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TALKING SAFETY

In the wake of last week's trespassing incidents, students from the law school will debate balancing safety with access to University facilities.

DUKE: STILL THE BEST

Sorry for the obnoxious shade of blue. We lost a bet. We don't want to talk about it.

Today's weather



Things are gonna get easier
H 45, L 23

Friday's weather



You got to keep ya head up
H 50, L 26