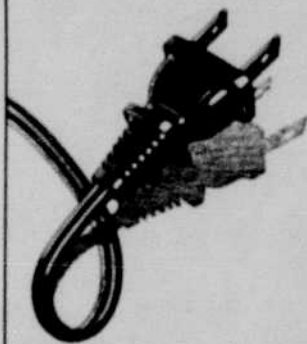


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Tar Heels fall to state rivals

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Lakisha McCuller made three 3-pointers in the final 5:04 after North Carolina State had missed eight straight from long range and the Wolfpack upset No. 1 North Carolina 80-70 Wednesday night.

The Wolfpack (8-2) last beat a top-ranked team on Feb. 23, 1986, topping North Carolina 76-65 in Reynolds Coliseum, where Tar Heels coach Dean Smith is now 17-17.

N.C. State pulled the stunner in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams after losing to No. 2 UCLA by eight points and by five to No. 5 Kansas in its previous two losses.

McCuller, who was 2-for-18 from 3-point range in his career against the Tar Heels, sank his

key baskets after North Carolina pulled within 60-59 as the game saw 11 lead changes and six ties.

North Carolina (9-1) tied the score 66-66 with 2:34 left after two of McCuller's three long shots, but he hit another one 15 seconds later to give the Wolfpack the lead for good and thousands of fans stormed the court when the game ended.

McCuller, who scored 24 points, made four straight free throws after North Carolina fell behind 73-66 but pulled to 73-70 with 49 seconds left. The Wolfpack, eighth in the ACC in free-throw shooting, made nine of 10 in the final 1:19 to secure the win.

Jerry Stackhouse led North Carolina with 24 points.

The Tar Heels, who made only two 3-pointers compared to

14 for the Wolfpack, couldn't overcome the loss of starting guard Dante Calabria, who sat out the game with a sprained right ankle.

Pearce Landry, a former walk-on, made his first career start in place of Calabria, but picked up his fourth foul with 17:31 left, depleting North Carolina's bench further.

The Wolfpack made eight of 18 3-pointers in the first half.

The lead changed hands six times in the first 7:12 before North Carolina's reserves keyed a 10-2 run to give the Tar Heels a 33-25 lead late in the half.

But the Wolfpack closed the half with a 14-3 run, hitting three 3-pointers for a 39-36 lead as the North Carolina offense struggled with consistency without Calabria.

Rebs drop No. 3 Hogs 76-71

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Fred Johnigan scored five points in the last 1:01, including a three-point play with 21 seconds left, and Mississippi beat third-ranked and road-weary Arkansas 76-71 Wednesday night.

Johnigan's last basket and free throw came after Corey Beck's 3-pointer with 33 seconds left pulled the Razorbacks within 73-71.

Ole Miss (4-5), which had lost three straight games, took the lead with a 14-3 run midway through the first half, and led 36-33 by halftime.

The Razorbacks (11-2), who had won 11 straight since a season-opening loss to Massachusetts, had won the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii four days ear-

lier, beating Iowa 101-92 in the title game.

It was the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

Arkansas had battled back to tie the game 52-52 on Alex Dillard's 3-pointer with 11:41 left. It was his third 3-pointer and 11th point in a five-minute stretch.

Dillard, who had been in a season-long slump, led Arkansas with 16 points. He had scored in double figures just twice this season, and was shooting 28 percent from the field.

Jack Jackson had 18 points to lead four Rebels in double figures. Johnigan had 14 points.

Former NCAA head calls for change

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The longtime former head of the NCAA says it's time to end what he calls an outmoded system of amateurism in college sports and pay the athletes.

Walter Byers, who retired in 1987 as executive director after 36 years with the NCAA, said "dramatic changes are necessary to permit athletes to participate in the enormous proceeds" produced by big-time college athletics.

He said in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday that a "neoplatonism mentality" exists under the present system, where coaches and administrators act as "overseers and supervisors" who "own the athlete's body."

"I believe the athletes should have the same access to the commercial marketplace that the supervisors and overseers as well as other students have," he said.

Byers, who shocked his former NCAA colleagues last summer by criticizing them in remarks at an awards banquet, is writing a book titled *Unsportsmanlike Conduct*

— *Exploiting College Athletes*.

The book is being published by the University of Michigan press and "tells how the system is, how it got that way and how it can be improved," Byers said.

A widening circle of critics calling for direct compensation for big-time college athletes will find in Byers a powerful and unexpected ally.

These include LSU basketball coach Dale Brown, who has been quoted as saying the system is particularly unfair to youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Dick DeVenzio, a former Duke basketball player, is trying to organize college athletes from his home in Charlotte, N.C. DeVenzio has sent a 34-minute tape to many top football and basketball players in which he says, "You don't have to sit there and just accept the system."

Cedric Dempsey, the current NCAA executive director, said there is increased sympathy among schools to do more for athletes.

"There is a difference between what you can receive (in schol-

arship aid) and the cost of the educational experience, which varies from school to school," Dempsey said. "All of us are interested in trying to bridge that gap."

"I do not see any sympathy to move away from the basic principle of amateurism ... that participation should be motivated primarily by education and the physical, mental and social benefits that derive from athletics."

Byers did not say he was endorsing DeVenzio's plan but expects strong resistance to his ideas.

"The people who are profiting most from the present system will be the ones who most strongly oppose any change," Byers told the AP.

Byers said he realized the system needed overhauling before he retired but his efforts went nowhere.

"In the 1980s, I proposed to the two key policy boards of the NCAA on two different occasions that we should change the way we were doing things. The ideas were not accepted," he said.

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