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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Syracuse Shows Off New Talent in Win

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Four prime pieces from North Carolina's run to the national championship last season graduated to the [N.B.A.](#), led by the four-time first-team all-American forward Tyler Hansbrough. But Syracuse could relate. Point guard Jonny Flynn hit the N.B.A. lottery with the [Minnesota Timberwolves](#), and two other starters from the Orange's Round-of-16 team left to chase their professional dreams.

Still, North Carolina and Syracuse always have talent in the pipeline. They met Friday night for the first time since 1987, an early-season test at Madison Square Garden in the championship game of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

Syracuse, unranked in The Associated Press poll but not for long, stunned the No. 6 Tar Heels by scoring 22 of the first 23 points in the second half. The Orange went on to claim the title with an 87-71 victory, one night after crushing No. 13 California by 22 points.

"It gives us a little confidence going forward," said Arinze Onuaku, the fifth-year senior center, who contributed 15 points and 7 rebounds. "We were trying to make a statement in these two games."

Wes Johnson, the impressive junior transfer from [Iowa State](#), made his own statement, pacing the Orange (4-0) with 25 points and 8 rebounds to earn the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

"I had to step up this game," Johnson said. "It's North Carolina, last game we're going to be here. It's like our home court. My teammates were leaning on me to be more aggressive."

The Tar Heels (4-1) have six players who are at least 6-foot-9, and one of the nation's best and deepest frontcourts. Ed Davis, a 6-10 sophomore forward, had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

"It's almost like an N.B.A. team," said Brandon Triche, Syracuse's freshman point guard.

The Orange trailed by 2 points at halftime, but it pushed the pace and hurt the bigger Tar Heels inside often during that game-breaking burst. Triche scored 7 in the run, and Onuaku asserted himself with three baskets. Coach Jim Boeheim had prodded him after a quiet first half.

"When he is a force in there, it makes us a different team," Boeheim said.

After Kris Joseph hit a 3-pointer, Syracuse had a 62-42 lead. That cushion quickly deflated to 8. But Syracuse regained its balance, pushing the lead to 81-62 with 3 minutes 38 seconds left in the game.

“We got our tails beat by a very good basketball team,” North Carolina Coach Roy Williams said. “The second half is about as bad as you can play.”

In the consolation game, No. 15 [Ohio State](#) (3-1) held off Cal (2-2), 76-70, behind 26 points and 14 rebounds from Evan Turner.

[MICHIGAN STATE](#) 75, TOLEDO 62 Draymond Green had 15 points and the second-ranked Spartans (3-0) won their 42nd consecutive home game against a nonconference opponent.

Tom Izzo, in his 15th season at Michigan State, moved within one of tying Jud Heathcote for the most wins in program history. Izzo has 339. (AP)

VILLANOVA 71, DAYTON 65 Corey Fisher scored 18 points and was perfect in four trips to the foul line in the final minutes to help the fifth-ranked Wildcats (4-0) win in the second round of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off in San Juan, despite nearly squandering an 18-point lead to the 18th-ranked [Flyers](#).

Dayton (2-1) trimmed the lead to 62-60 with 2 minutes 23 seconds left when London Warren converted two free throws after he was fouled on a breakaway. But Villanova, which finished 22 of 29 from the line, scored the rest of its points on free throws. (AP) PURDUE 74, SOUTH DAKOTA ST. 63 E’Twaun Moore scored 22 points for the seventh-ranked Boilermakers (2-0) in the first round of the Paradise Jam in Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands. (AP)

TENNESSEE 105, E. [CAROLINA](#) 66 Scotty Hopson scored 25 points and the 10th-ranked Volunteers (3-0) forced 35 turnovers, the most in Coach Bruce Pearl’s five seasons, in the opening round of the Paradise Jam in Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands. (AP)

MICHIGAN 77, HOUSTON BAPTIST 55 Manny Harris scored 25 points, and DeShawn Sims added 22 to lead the 15th-ranked Wolverines (2-0) at home. (AP)

GA. TECH 70, GEO. MASON 62 Gani Lawal had 18 points and 14 rebounds to lead and the 21st-ranked Yellow Jackets (2-1) won in the consolation round of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off in San Juan. Favors scored 6 of his points in a 13-0 run that gave the Yellow Jackets a 43-23 lead with 15 minutes to play. The Patriots (2-2) got no closer than 6 points the rest of the way. (AP)

[CLEMSON](#) 89, U.N.C.-GREENSBORO 67 The 22nd-ranked Tigers extended their team record winning streak in nonconference road games to 11. The Spartans fell to 1-29 against teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference. (AP)

MARYLAND 82, NEW HAMPSHIRE 55 Landon Milbourne scored a career-high 24 points, and the 25th-ranked Terrapins (3-0) never trailed at home. The sophomore guard Sean Mosley had 13 points and 10 assists for his first career double-double. (AP)

[SETON HALL](#) 89, [CORNELL](#) 79 Jeremy Hazell scored 33 points to lead Seton Hall (3-0) on the road. Ryan Wittman had 24 points to lead the Big Red (2-1), which went scoreless for more than five minutes in the second half. (AP)

RUTGERS 58, DREXEL 56 Gregory Echenique made a layup as time expired for host Rutgers (2-0), which

missed 15 of 20 shots in the final 13 minutes. (AP)

ST. JOHN'S 79, BROWN 76 Dwight Hardy scored 16 points for host St. John's (3-0), which led by as many as 14 points. (AP)

IN OTHER GAMES Noruwa Agho scored 24 points to lead host Columbia to a 72-61 win over Longwood. ... Jonathan Hall scored 12 points to lead St. Bonaventure past visiting Binghamton, 66-40. ... Hofstra defeated visiting Farmingdale College, 87-48, its largest margin of victory since a 39-point defeat of Northeastern during the 1999-2000 season. (AP)

## Women

CONNECTICUT 87, HOLY CROSS 34 Maya Moore scored 21 points, Tina Charles had 18 and the top-ranked Huskies coasted to their 42nd straight win. It was the 117th victory against unranked nonconference opponents for visiting Connecticut (3-0), which has won its first three games by an average margin of 49.3 points after going undefeated last season. [UConn](#) Coach [Geno Auriemma](#) captured his 699th career win. (AP)