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*Notre Dame 25, UNC 15*

### **Hughes hits dagger in victory over UNC**

Notre Dame vs UNC was a game that featured old-school basket, by feeding the post and letting the big men go to work. Both UNC and Notre Dame used their big men effectively, thanks in large part to their guards strong play feeding them the ball.

Nash Rieselmann (6 points, 23 rebounds, 2 steals) and Andrew Barnes (5 points, 8 rebounds, 7 blocks) for UNC and Michael Shapiro (8 points, 22 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 blocks, 4 steals) of Notre Dame all battled relentlessly inside the paint. After an opening basket for Dylan Franusiak (2 points, 8 rebounds, 4 steals) of UNC, Noah Matyevich hit a 3-pointer for Notre Dame, and Henry Hughes added a jumper for Notre Dame. Andrew Barnes then went to work in the paint, adding 3 points. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup>, UNC held a 6-5 lead.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Rieselmann ripped down 6 rebounds, while Shapiro did the same for his team. Dominic Caccamise of UNC hit a jumper off of a nice pass from Rieselmann to give UNC a 8-5 lead. However, Henry Hughes answered back. After feeding Shapiro for a nice up-and-under move, Hughes then used the tactic of feeding the post and then cutting to the basket, where he added 2 baskets near the end of the quarter off of passes from Shapiro. At half-time, Notre Dame held an 11-9 lead.

Notre Dame began to pull away in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter thanks to great play by Shapiro on both ends of the floor. Whether it was blocking shots or running to the rim, Shapiro impacted the game in a huge way in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also added 6 points in the frame. Tristan Fox also added a free throw for Notre Dame. However, Notre Dame's defense was the key to their success in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Although Shapiro protected the rim, Henry Hughes and Evan Eodice played great defense on UNC's guards, preventing them from feeding their own big-men. The big-men of UNC were able to temporarily break free in the middle of the quarter, as Barnes and Rieselmann each added a basket. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Notre Dame led 18-13.

Notre Dame ultimately pulled away in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. After Landon Schult hit a baseline jumper to extend the lead for Notre Dame, Nash Rieselmann had a hard drive to the basket to cut the lead back to 5 with 3 minutes remaining. In the quarter, Nash ripped down 9 rebounds, proving that he was the heart-beat of his team, never giving up. However, with 90 seconds remaining, Henry Hughes hit the dagger, drilling a 3-pointer that hit nothing-but-net to give his team an 8 point lead.

Hughes would add one more basket, as Notre Dame won 25-15 over UNC.