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Scouting teams

Starring

The North Carolina Tar Heels



Since we release the *2005 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SCOUT-PRO REPORT* on **Thursday July 8th 2010**, we thought we should give you something unusual. In fact, we give you a quick-hitter from the Tar Heels playbook. You can find out about all our free crunch-time plays by visiting www.hoopjunkiesonline.blogspot.com .



Scouting the North Carolina Tar Heels can be described in one word: RUN. In fact, Roy Williams once said: "**Playing fast doesn't allow me to worry about what just happened**". I thought I once heard Steve Smith say something like that too... Anyways, like I said in Florida's reports, trying to break down the offensive strategies of a fast-breaking team can be either very easy, or very difficult. Some teams got dozens of secondary options, and some just have two or three basic movements then play off scratch. However, running (the right way) offensively can be a very efficient equalizer, especially for an average team. The only thing is that if you got NBA-potential players on your team, lightning-quick guards and a very competent coach... You might win championships. In fact, Roy Williams and his team did win a championship in 2005, against a fantastic Illinois team.

How amazing it is, each year, watching two college teams/coaches going head-to-head for the most prestigious title (in my thoughts) in sports. What is also exciting is watching coaches exchanging on-the-edge set plays, mixing defenses, creating mismatches with screens, etc...

And it is exactly what the Tar Heels and the Fighting Illini did.

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Scouting the Illinois Fighting Illini is a bit different though. As much as the Tar Heels seemed lost against a set half-court defense, as much Illinois were executing sharp plays offensively. Illinois had everything to make up for the lack of size: a roadrunner-fast Dee Brown, a pure shooter in Luther Head and one of the best floor-general in the game today, Deron Williams. But don't be fooled by this rock-solid backcourt, Illinois bigs were excellent too, setting screens and rebounding offensively. One sad thing for the Fighting Illinis was their 4-man foul trouble, James Augustine. That shooting-big had problems guarding the enormous Sean May inside, getting everything he wanted on fast-break post-ups. Indeed, UNC's center scored 26 points, all in the paint (or at the line) and added 10 rebounds to his stats sheet. If you guys want to teach your players how to set solid screens, you got to make them watch that game. Near of illegal-screening, Illinois got every shot they possibly wanted on the perimeter. Adjusting to Roy Williams 1-3-1 zone and 2-3 match-up, Illinois got the job done shooting 30% from the outside and 39% from the field. Besides that, the only important statistic was rebounding: Illinois winning the battle 39 to 34, including 17 offensive rebounds compared to the 8 ones UNC got.



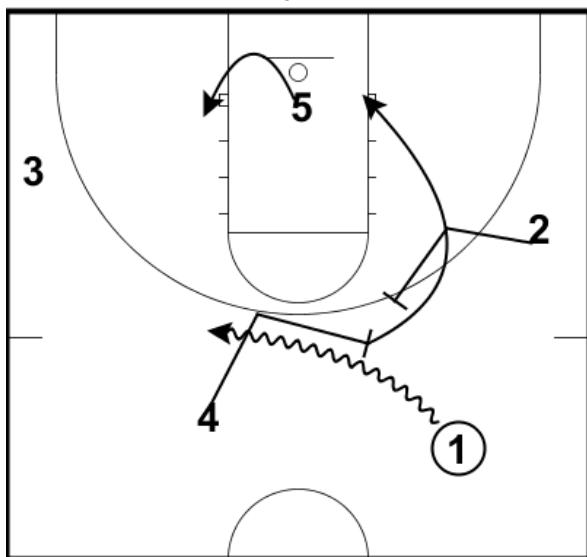
Committing only one but deadly turnover in the second half, the Fighting Illinis won the second half 43 to 35, but lost the game 75-70.

Coach, we got what you need: over 30 plays from Coach Williams (UNC) and Coach Weber (Illinois), two of the best in the business! Learn how The Fighting Illini made their tenacious come-back with baseline screening sets, how UNC got all those baskets running the floor, and more! We will show you Williams' key statistics and give you some of his personal thoughts. But wait, don't think this report is just about the Tar Heels, because we got every single Illinois' championship sets! The University of North Carolina is known for its hard-nosed defense, and their coach's philosophy to destroy opponents offense... And Illinois still scored off their sets?

Yes, and got them all, for cheap ...

Diagram 1

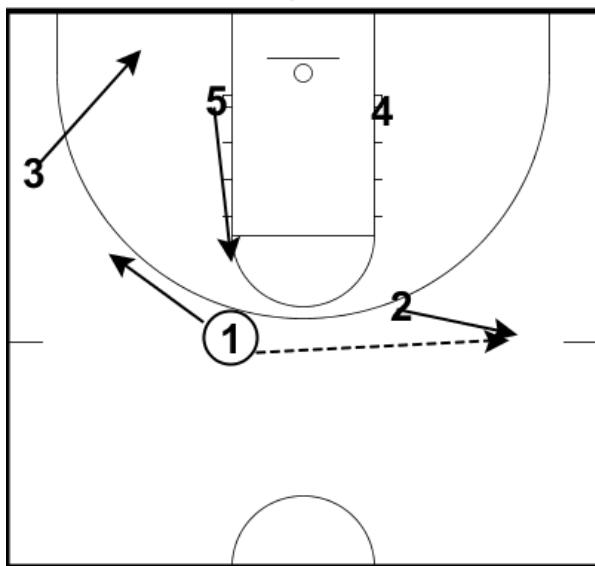
UNC's quick-hitter



UNC start with what we call the *ACC break*. 4 will screen the ball to start the set. Right after his screen, 4 will get a screen from 2, to complete the *North Carolina action*, a *screen-the-screener action*.

Diagram 2

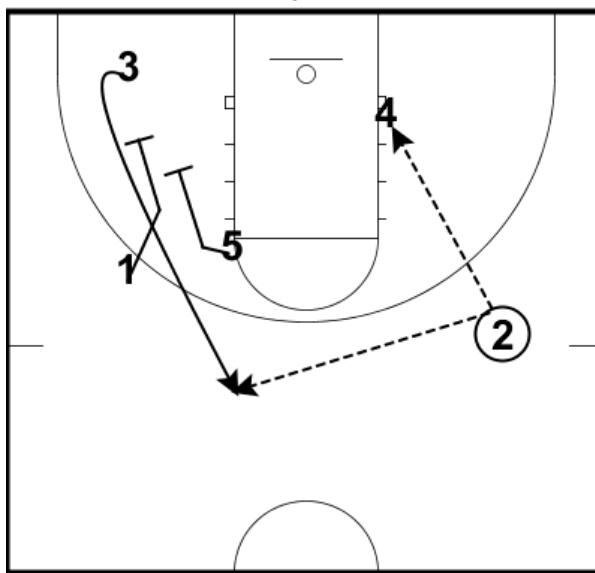
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If nothing is available, 1 passes and prepares to screen. 5 gets to elbow, giving 4 some space to play (and for another reason - diagram 3). Remember that most UNC's sets are inside-oriented.

Diagram 3

UNC's quick-hitter



3 gets the stagger. 5 is the second screener to evitate some kind of switching from the defense. 2 has different options from there.

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