

Tar Heels' Recruiting Class Ranked No.1

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As the old cliché goes, great teams don't rebuild, they simply reload. And the University of North Carolina men's basketball team has done just that. Despite losing four key players to the upcoming National Basketball Association Draft in a couple of weeks, the Tar Heels are bringing in an impressive group in 2013. ESPN.com has rated the Tar Heels incoming class the top recruiting class in the nation. The incoming group includes in-state power forward Isaiah Hicks from Oxford, N.C., who is ranked tenth at his position nationally. Hicks from J.F Webb High School stands six-foot-eight and weighs in at 210 pounds. He runs the floor extremely well and uses his athleticism to snag rebounds, score in transition and block shots on the defensive end. He could spruce up his low post game and add some back to the basket moves, but most of his points come off drop off passes or moves facing the basket. He's developed a solid mid-range jump shot as well.

The 2013 class also includes point guard Nate Britt from Washington, D.C., who is ranked ninth nationally at his position. Britt, a Five-Star recruit from Gonzaga College High School, is one of the top high school point guards in the nation. the 6-2, 165-pound Britt is Rivals' 11th-ranked prospect in the junior class. He averaged 13.5 points and 5.2 assists last season.

Michigan is a close second to UNC in the ESPN.com Poll; Kansas is third; Marquette and Indiana round out the top five. Purdue, Notre Dame, Alabama, Brigham Young and Florida round out the top ten. And the Tar Heels are also in communication with officials from Michigan State to schedule a basketball series between the schools. The teams met aboard the USS Carl Vinson last November 12 in Coronado, CA., in a history-making event. The Tar Heels overcame a sluggish start and beat the Spartans 67-55.

UNC is 6-0 against Michigan State since Roy Williams became coach of the Tar Heels; UNC is 3-0 against the Spartans in the NCAA Tournament since 2005.

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