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As the University of North Carolina men's basketball team's season goes south, the Tar Heel fan base is disappointed and ready for the season to be over.

"I think that we have given up all hope for this season. There is no more energy or drive in the players. When the players step out on the court it seems like they don't care about the result of the game since we won't be in the tournament. We're not playing for anything anymore," said Sally Keuhn, a junior studying nutrition.

The Tar Heels have lost several games at the buzzer, including the Duke game, leaving students feeling defeated and uninspired to attend basketball games this season.

"At the beginning of the season I went to two in a row and now I don't have a great desire to go because I feel like I will be let down," said Blake Sutherland, a sophomore on the club soccer team.

After Saturday's game against Louisville, the Tar Heels have now lost seven games in a row and don't have a significant chance of playing in March Madness.

"I think that the team loses passion, especially in the second half once they start losing. They just aren't fighting for it. Most of the games we lose – we were winning until the very end," said Nicole Mercer, a cheerleader for the Tar Heels.

Injury played a role in the season with Cole Anthony being out due to a knee injury for over four weeks. Anthony returned in January when the Tar Heels played Boston College in Chapel Hill.

“I think that we are in a really bad position because we have some good players, but we have been impacted by injury and it’s taken a toll on the team dynamic,” said Mia Damare, a student at UNC and Chapel Hill native.

While some students chalk up the recent losses to injury, others feel that the problem is due to how players spend their time off the court.

“I think that if they practiced their free throws more than they practiced partying, maybe we’d make some actual shots. I know that from what I’ve seen on social media the basketball players appear to post up more at social events and parties than actually at the gym. It makes me upset, I didn’t come to a basketball school for football,” said Sarah Gray Barr, a journalism major and sports staff writer for The Daily Tar Heel.

Many North Carolina fans would not expect the football team to have a better season than the basketball team, but the students understand that not every season will lead to a National Championship.

“I think that it’s sad and that I wish that the season had gone differently but I understand that sometimes good teams have off seasons,” said Bellamy Tyson, a sophomore at UNC.

While the Tar Heels are having a bad season, the students look forward to next year.

