

Pitching Keys Tar Heel Sweep

The North Carolina softball team recorded two shutouts against UNC-Wilmington to extend its win streak to 10.

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After scoring an average of seven runs a game en route to the Tar Heel Invitational title last weekend, North Carolina used defense and starting pitching to sweep UNC-Wilmington on Wednesday at Finley Field.

Radara McHugh pitched a two-hit complete game as UNC won the first game 5-0. Michael Parrott followed with her own complete game 5-0 win.

"Both (pitchers) are doing a good job, and the catchers are doing a good job working with them," coach Donna Papa said. "That's why we've shut out a lot of opponents."

UNC (39-13) has won its last four

games against UNC-W (15-24), each by shutouts. Wednesday's wins extended its overall winning streak to 10 games.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence," Papa said. In the first game, McHugh pitched a gem. She allowed two hits in seven innings and struck out seven.

"I was very comfortable out there," McHugh said. "The first couple innings were shaky, but then I found out that they couldn't hit my fastball."

When needed, the defense bailed her out of trouble. In the top of the fourth, shortstop Michelle Semmes dived deep into the hole to snare a Mary Susan Hilliard liner. After a walk, Chrissy Bennett lined a ball between first and second that was grabbed by second baseman Crystal Henderson. She then doubled-off Maggie Johnson at first.

"(The defense) made amazing plays

They helped me out a lot," McHugh said. "They're doing their job really well and backing me up really good."

The Tar Heels plugged away with singles, sacrifices and good baserunning to provide the bulk of their offense.

"Every time we go out on the field, we try to do the little things and execute," Henderson said. "We make sure that we manufacture runs, doing whatever it takes to get the runs in."

With UNC leading 1-0 in the third, Rosie Gustavson led off with a single up the middle off Seahawk starter Christine Freaney. After Henderson sacrificed her to second, she scored on a Jen Klesaris single.

Later in the inning, with Klesaris on third and Semmes on first, the Tar Heels executed a delayed double steal to produce their third run. From there, UNC and McHugh cruised to the victory.

The second game, besides the matching score, was much like the first. Quinn Porter reached on a two-out bunt single toward pitcher Mandi Westbury in the first inning. After a wild pitch, Gustavson singled over short to bring home Porter.

In the fourth, Gustavson laid down a perfect squeeze bunt on a high and tight pitch, bringing in Carrie Bates.

"I thought the ball was going to hit me," Gustavson said. "I was just defend-



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North Carolina first baseman Beth Olen connects with a pitch in the first game of the Tar Heels' double-header sweep of UNC-Wilmington. Olen finished the day with a double, a stolen base and a run scored.

ing myself with the bat."

These runs were all that Parrott needed. The right-hander carried a perfect game into the fifth inning. For the game, she allowed three singles and struck out five.

Henderson set the North Carolina career stolen base mark in the sixth

inning with a steal of second. Her 74th career swipe was truly a steal because she was given the bag as a souvenir.

"It's something that I've wanted to do since the beginning of the year," Henderson said. "I'm fortunate to be in position to break the record."

And the bag? "I'm going to give it to my parents to take home," she said with a smile. "They've got a case for all my trophies."

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Today's Birthday (April 13)

Handle your relationship issues this year so you can get on with making your fortune. Love clouds your thinking, in a nice way, in April. Try not to get too distracted in love, or the money could slip through your fingers. Home is where your heart is in July, but travel with children would be nice in August. An old friend brings a new surprise around December. Technical breakdowns are expensive in the Spring.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 9 — You'd like to buy new toys, but you can't quite afford them. Not a problem. Instead of worrying, look around for ways to increase your income. You should be a wealthy person. It would look so good on you!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 4 — There's a lot of activity, that's for sure. People may drop by at temple inconvenient times. This could be lucky, but the way. You're trying to be a good sport, but don't let them push you around. If you want peace and quiet, lock them all out.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — You're going to be in a talkative, playful mood. You're teaching others, and they're teaching you. You may have to learn about more rules and regulations, however. No problem? Make them into a game, and they might almost be fun.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 5 — Waiting until this evening to ask for the money might be a good idea. Timing is a delicate science. You need to use your intelligence, of course. Your intuition might be even more useful, however. If in doubt, wait.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 10 — How about a romantic excursion this evening? Most of the hassles should be out of the way after leaving plenty of fun and games. Being a good host could complicate matters, but on the other hand, why not? Take your good times when you can get them, right?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 5 — Travel will be much easier later in the week, maybe as soon as tomorrow. Before you go, take care of something that's been bothering you, closer to home. You may not want to talk much about it yet, but if you can get it tidied up, you'll feel much better.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Today is a 9 — This could be a playful day for you. Get together with a favorite partner and good friends. Don't spend too much, that won't be necessary. Your companion-ship is extremely valuable. Saver that and take care not to overdraw an account.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Today is a 5 — A bonus you'd counted on may not come yet. Don't spend the money until you're sure the check has cleared your bank. Your luck gets better as the day goes on, but it's spotty nonetheless. Best not to take a big risk now. Stick with a familiar routine.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 10 — You have a winning hand! You might do well in live this evening. Your luck could get in the way of romance and travel this morning, but don't despair. You're more than rewarded for your patience later on. Be in the right place, with the right person.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 5 — Changes are still going on at your place. Something you try may not go as planned, but don't despair. Just keep putting in the corrections and trying again. That's your secret formula for success, anyway. You just never give up!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 — You know somebody who sees things quite differently than you do. This is good, actually. You take credit for getting you going. He or she won't agree with you but stimulates you to take creative action. Don't worry, the overall outcome's good.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 — You're creative and powerful now. You're probably getting where you're making a pretty good income, too. Today's not quite easy, but don't let that slow you down. Your hard work could bring in even more money, and that's just as it should be.

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