

'Summer Heels' split opening series of games

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Sparked by Mike Merritt's solid pitching debut in the Summer League, Carolina eked out its first victory of the young season, 4-3, Saturday night over a stubborn Appalachian squad.

Carolina's Bill Lee scored the tie-breaking run on a wild throw by the catcher in the bottom of the second inning to give the Tar Heels the victory in the first game of a doubleheader before an enthusiastic crowd at Cary Boshamer Stadium.

Friday night Campbell College took advantage of six North Carolina errors

and ripped the Tar Heels, 13-4 in the opening Summer League baseball for both teams.

Saturday night's game was evenly played and was tied at the end of the regulation seven innings, 3-3.

Joe Howard, who came in for a tired Mike Merritt in the Mountaineer's top of the inning, led off UNC's ninth with a walk. Shortstop Bill Lee was walked to put men on first and second. Early Jones subsequently grounded into a fielder's choice with Howard being forced at third. Jimmy Baldwin struck out as Lee stole third easily, but the throw from the catcher got by third base, allowing Lee to score the game winner.

Carolina opened the scoring in the first after filling the bases. David Curosoy then forced in the first run with a walk. The Mountaineers tied it up in their half of the second.

Carolina then went ahead, 3-1, in the bottom of the third after Baldwin and Mike Wilkerson cracked hard singles to left and were driven home by Charley Spivey's double to deep centerfield.

Carolina's Mike Merritt was breezing

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along, pitching a no hitter and totally holding the Apps at bay until the fourth inning. Evans Crocker, a monster of a man and the Mountaineers' 1st sacker, calmly walked to the plate and deposited Merritt's high, outside fastball over the right-centerfield fence for Appalachian's first hit of the night and second run of the game. The Apps scored for the third time in their half of the sixth after a single by Malcom McLean and a two base hit by Crocker.

Except for letting up in the sixth and seventh innings, Merritt looked exceptionally strong for his first outing in more than a month. The Wilmington, N.C., junior mixed his pitches well, blending an exploding fastball with a

seasoned curve, in delivering only 109 pitches in eight and two-thirds innings, well below an average for a nine-inning stint. He gave up seven hits, three runs (two of which were earned), did not issue a walk and fanned five.

Jimmy Baldwin, Mike Wilkerson, and David Gursoy led the Carolina attack with two hits apiece while freshman Charlie Spivey, a Sanford native, collected two vital rbi's.

UNC head coach Harry Lloyd summed up the victory best. "We're happy to win, no matter what the circumstances," he said. "To win our share of games we must be aggressive and run when the opportunity arises. Since our team wasn't hitting that well, I thought it best to send Bill (Lee) from second base to see if a mistake would ensue. We had to try something." The result speaks for itself.

Second Game
When the dust had settled in Carolina's Boshamer Stadium, UNC came away on the short end of a 16-9 rock-em-sock-em affair in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader with Appalachian.

The Mountaineers started as if there were no tomorrow, bombing UNC starter Bob Thompson for seven quick runs in the second. Bob Cook replaced Thompson and after giving up a two run homer settled down to pitch five and two-thirds innings of strong relief.

However, the Heels were not to be outdone as they scored seven in their half of the inning making the score 9-7.

The Heels sent 11 men to bat in the inning. Mike Wilkerson collected two basehits and an rbi. Baldwin had a hit and two rbi's. Greg Leighton, Jones and Lee each had an rbi and the other run came across on a wild pitch.

Everything was quiet until the bottom of the seventh when utility man Bobby Guthrie stroked a double to left (missing a homerun by a few feet which would have ended the game) scoring David Gursoy and Marty Rasnake, both of whom had walked, tying the score at nine apiece.

In the Apps' half of the eighth, Cook was relieved after surrendering two leadoff hits by freshman Kenny Hudgins. Hudgins was tight and before he could register three outs seven runs were on the board. Appalachian had three Texas-League hits which accounted for four runs. Hudgins also issued costly walks. Final: App. 16, UNC-9.

June 9—UNC 3-Wilmington 0
Tar Heel pitcher Tim Collins faced the minimum amount of batters through the first six innings and did not issue a walk all night as UNC shored up its defense, not committing an error, in beating Wilmington 3-0 Sunday night at Boshamer Stadium.

Carolina permitted only one Seahawk runner to reach third base in the nine inning ballgame.

Carolina's next game is against an experienced Louisburg team tonight at home in Boshamer Stadium starting at 7:30 p.m.

Tired Tony Third

Tony Waldrop finished a disappointing third in the mile run at the NCAA Track & Field Championship in Austin, Tex. last Saturday. Sam Beasley and David Hamilton failed to qualify for the finals in the long jump and three mile run.

"Maybe I was just too tired to run," said Waldrop after running a 4:02, "it's been a long season." It was the second time in succession Waldrop has failed to break the four minute mark. His string of nine consecutive sub-four minute miles was broken three weeks ago at the California Relays.

Paul Cummings of Brigham Young won the mile in a time of 4:01. Cummings led from start to finish as Wilson Waigwa of

Texas-El Paso came in second at 4:01.8.

"I think I have done very well this season," said Waldrop. "It seems that I've been bothered by some sort of sickness for the last month. An ear infection may have affected my conditioning here. But Paul ran a smart race and he was in a class all by himself today."

Waldrop was the last in the 12-man field after a lap and a half then moved up to fourth. He was in third after three laps but Cummings had a huge lead. The UNC star made a brief run at Cummings in second place but Waigwa caught him in the homestretch.

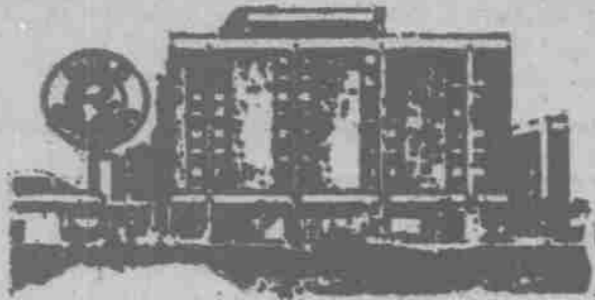
Waldrop's next competition will come in the AAU Championship next week.

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