

# Tar Heels battered by Hurricanes 6-1

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Carolina's game against Louisburg last Thursday night was a paradoxical display of baseball. Like the old saying goes, when the Tar Heels were good, they were very good, when they were bad, they were terrible.

Optimism turned to pessimism on succeeding plays. The Tar Heels clicked on two double plays but committed four errors. Mike Merritt picked off Louisburg's

Howard McCullough but also threw a wild pitch. Early Jones threw out a runner at home but was caught stealing second, Bill Lee dove for a ball to prevent a run scoring hit and nipped the runner at home but threw wide of first base on a routine grounder, it was Mike Merritt's birthday but he was not given much of a present as the Tar Heels were pounded 6-1.

Carolina has four players batting over .300, Jones leads the league in hits, Jimmy Baldwin is tied for the lead in runs batted in and Merritt and Tim Collins rank 1-2 in

earned run average yet the record was 8-11 going into a doubleheader with Appalachian Sunday.

The pitching staff has been a victim of teammates' errors. Merritt in particular has suffered at the hands...er...gloves of his teammates. He entered the game against Louisburg with a league leading era of .99 but only had a 2-2 record to show for it because his teammates have allowed 13 unearned runs.

The defensive pattern held true again last Thursday when the Tar Heels committed

one error in each of the first three innings but only led to a run—Charlie Spivey booted a grounder in the fourth to let a runner score from third.

The Hurricanes battered Merritt for four earned runs and nine hits, five of them for extra bases, before Bruce Arrowood took over in the seventh. Louisburg was held hitless the first three innings even though it was apparent Merritt's fast ball did not have its usual velocity. Unfortunately the Tar Heels could manage only one hit themselves during the same span.

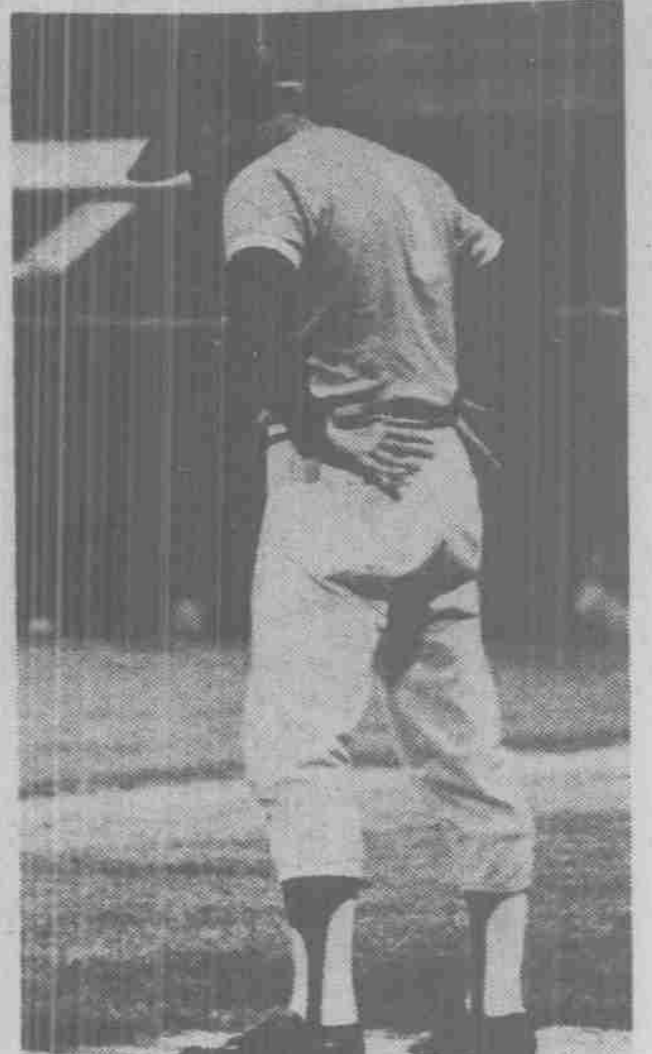
Merritt's lack of a fast ball caught up with him in the fifth inning even though Louisburg's three hits scored no runs. The Hurricanes had men on first and second with one out, only a diving stop by Lee prevented a run from scoring.

However, the barrage was just postponed another inning. In the sixth Louisburg clubbed Merritt for three runs and four hits to make the score 5-0. A double by Charlie Stevens, an intentional walk, a wild pitch put men on first and second after two out. Howard McCullough singled for two runs and a single by Ken Gentry and a double by Keith Stutts scored a third.

Arrowood started the seventh in place of Merritt and promptly gave up a run on a single and double to the first two batters he faced, to make the score 6-0.

Louisburg hurlers had shut out Carolina for 17 consecutive innings before the Tar Heels scored in the ninth. The last time the two teams met the Hurricanes won 1-0. Jimmy Baldwin walked, Lindsey Ethridge singled then with two out Gentry threw wild on a force out attempt to permit Baldwin to score the Tar Heels only run.

Carolina's record is now 8-11 pending the results of the weekend doubleheader. The win pushed Louisburg's record to 15-4, far ahead of second place Campbell 9-8. The Tar Heels host Campbell tonight at 7:30 in Boshamer Stadium.



UNC coach Harry Lloyd stares dejectedly after Louisburg pounded the Tar Heels 6-1. Carolina hosts Campbell tonight at 7:30 in Boshamer Stadium. (Staff photo by Steve Claris)

## Waldrop awarded NCAA scholarship

The University of North Carolina's Tony Waldrop, sensation of the track world this past school year, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for post graduate study by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Walter Byers, executive director of the NCAA, announced Monday that Waldrop is one of eight track and field performers in the United States to win an NCAA scholarship award this year. Waldrop was the only Atlantic Coast conference spring sports athlete to be honored.

Waldrop becomes the second UNC athlete to win an NCAA scholarship this year. Earlier, basketballer John O'Donnell was awarded a \$1,000 grant.

A Morehead Scholar at Carolina, Waldrop majored

in political science and has expressed interest in attending law school.

The scholarship is awarded for post graduate study at a University or professional school of Waldrop's choice. NCAA scholarships have been given since 1964 and 80 were awarded in all sports this year. In order for an athlete to win the award, he must have a B average for at least three years and be outstanding in his sport.

The selections were made by a six-man committee headed by Captain John Coppedge, athletic director of the Naval Academy.

Waldrop made headlines around the world during the past school year by running nine consecutive sub-four minute miles. He set a new world indoor in the

San Diego Games with a time of 3:55 flat. During the season, he ran 3:53.2 at the Penn Relays, the fastest time ever recorded on the East Coast.

Waldrop left last week for Europe where he will compete in five meets this summer. He won the 1500 meters in the British Championships Saturday and later he will compete at Stockholm, Sienna, Italy; Turin, Italy and Helsinki.

Homer Rice, Carolina Director of athletics, hailed the selection of Waldrop for an NCAA scholarship. "Waldrop is one of the finest young men ever to represent our University in athletics," he said. "He is an outstanding student and a good will ambassador for our University."

# Robert McAdoo satisfied with his NBA success

by Chan Hardwick  
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Robert McAdoo sprawled out on his apartment sofa and watched his nine-month-old son, Little Mac, crawl around the room. Brenda McAdoo was fixing Little Mac's bottle while glancing at her English notes. I was behind the sofa trying to plug in the tape recorder that I had borrowed from Big Wally's Electronics.

Robert McAdoo, known as Bob McAdoo around the NBA, is on vacation after having "taken an expansion team from last place one year to the play-offs the next year". He is relaxed, open, and full of out-spoken confidence in himself and his team. Is this a different man from the Robert McAdoo of two years ago?

I had heard that he may be tough to talk to, but I had also heard that he was happier as a married father and professional athlete. He seemed very willing to be interviewed when I talked to him over the phone, but I was still a bit uncertain when I arrived at his door.

"Mac is a winner," says an old Carolina player. "He always believed we would win, always felt that above all he would do his part. It was a quiet confidence, but very evident on the court."

There was no quiet, brooding confidence in the Robert McAdoo I talked to. It all came across in smiles and reflections as a man who is satisfied with his present success.

Tar Heel: Do you think you deserved MVP this year?

McAdoo: I feel like I got the shaft. With this sort of answer, which was not bitter, but truthful, I settled down to the task of finding out about the man.

Tar Heel: When I was a freshman you were a huge basketball player walking around campus with publicity hanging on you like a glow. That was my first impression of you: a star. What was your first impression of Carolina?

McAdoo: When I got here I was surprised at the way people reacted toward me. People would come up and see me for the first time and say, "That's McAdoo!". I didn't know what to do because I had just come out of a junior college and nobody would do that in junior college.

Tar Heel: It was small?

McAdoo: It was about 6,000 students, you know, Vincennes, and you were just another dude there, another basketball player. You know, it was just like being in basketball at high school where everybody knew everybody. That's how it was, just like high school.

Tar Heel: Did you like Granville Towers?

McAdoo: Well that's where all the basketball players lived, and we hung around together. I knew some guys from Greensboro, and Donald Washington and



Robert McAdoo in a glorious moment during his UNC basketball playing days.

Ray Harrison were there. Granville Towers didn't have many black students living there. Most of them lived down in James.

Tar Heel: How did you meet Brenda?

McAdoo: She invited me to come to dinner or something—

Brenda: And you didn't come.

McAdoo: She invited Washington and Harrison and they came over, but I didn't hear about it.

Brenda: So we thought, "Well, he must think that he's too good for us."

McAdoo: Well, you know, it was Don and Ray, two guys and two girls, so if it would have been me it would have been three. Odd man McAdoo.

Brenda: We ran into each other on campus later. My cousin introduced us.

Tar Heel: How was your rapport with your teammates?

McAdoo: Fine. There was one time when they started messing with my music.

Tar Heel: Kim Hubbard told me about it.

McAdoo: I think George Karl got tired of

my stereo being on a lot, so he rigged up a system where he could cut it off. I thought it was a power failure in Granville until one day I saw him at the switch box which was down the hall from my room. He didn't know that I was watching, but he would flick the switch on and off and I could hear my stereo go on and off. I think George started the whole thing, but I caught him.

Tar Heel: After you had declared your intention to sign as a hardship case there was a little resentment around here that you wouldn't be around to help us out anymore. Did you get a feeling of alienation because of this situation?

McAdoo: Right after I signed and got my bonus, I got a car. I used to park it around campus, and sometimes there would be racial notes stuck under the windshield wipers. This left something of a bad taste in my mouth about school. I guess that's one reason why I haven't finished up. I wouldn't want that to happen again.

Tar Heel: So you did go on to Buffalo and the NBA, you became Rookie of the Year, and runner-up for MVP this past season. Where did this basketball career start for you?

McAdoo: Well, I started playing when I was 12, and by the time I was in high school, by the time I was a senior, I felt like I was good enough to play with anybody. I went to a camp in Laurinburg and played Jerry West and some Cougars and did alright.

Tar Heel: Do you regret going to a junior college?

McAdoo: Junior college gave me a chance to play a lot of games, play a lot of competition, where at Carolina there might not have been the immediate chance.

Tar Heel: How about pro basketball? What kind of team was Buffalo this past season?

McAdoo: The whole team was very offensive minded. We were young,

inexperienced, we had small guards, Ernie D and Randy Smith. Jim McMillian and Garfield Hurd were the forwards. They switched me from center to forward which made a difference in my play. We went out and ran hard and led the league in scoring, and basically won on our speed and quickness.

Tar Heel: What's your usual routine for a home game?

McAdoo: I usually get up about 10 o'clock cause we have a shooting practice at noon. Then I come home to our apartment about 2, rest a little bit, play some music, and then get ready about 5 o'clock, leave the house about an hour later. After the game we party with our neighbors or teammates.

Brenda: It's too wild in downtown Buffalo. I'm a little scared to go down there to the nightclubs.

Tar Heel: Even with Mac?

Brenda: Well...

Tar Heel: Do you expect to have trouble next year with the new, big centers in the league? Walton, Bursleson?

McAdoo: I'm not worried because they have to guard me too. And I know for a fact that I will give them more trouble than they will give me.

Tar Heel: Do you think that experience is the difference?

McAdoo: No, it's talent. That's what counts.

Tar Heel: Do you ever get tired of basketball?

McAdoo: Oh, not really. I do wish the season was more like that of college. I start basketball camp in September.

Brenda: I get tired of it during the year, but I miss it now.

McAdoo: That's because you trudge off to class every day.

Tar Heel: Mac, one last question: do you think all this success has changed you?

McAdoo: Well, I'm happier than when I was struggling in my early years. I'm successful. I can have the things I wanted then. Yet, I'm also wary sometimes of people who speak to me now who never even looked my way before I played at Carolina or in the NBA. Really, though, I'm happy being successful and happy to keep playing. I may even want to coach someday.

We talked a little more, but it was getting close to my deadline. Brenda wanted me to mention Little Mac's size for nine months (which is impressive), and Big Mac's hobbies, his interest in music and photography, and his two Afghan hounds who are in Greensboro.

"Mostly," says Mac, "I'm just loafing. That's my vacation after all that travel this season."

So he was easy to interview after all. I was tired, but felt like I knew much more about the distant figure that I was a little awed by as a freshman. It isn't that my awe is any the less, but there isn't as much distance now.

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