Rightfielder Mike Wilkerson led the Tar Heels' 12-hit attack Tuesday night with two doubles and four runs batted in. Carolina crushed Campbell 12-2 for their ninth straight win to raise their record to 18-12.

(Staff photo by George Brown)

UNC clinches tie for second

by Jim Thomas Sports Editor

Carolina crushed Campbell 12-2 here Tuesday night to stretch their winning streak to nine games and plinch a tie for second place in the Summer League with an 18-12 record.

The victory represented a remarkable comeback for the Tar Heels. A month ago, Carolina had an 8-12 record and the playoffs were in doubt. The hitting was solid but the defense collapsed during the earlier slump. Since then the boots have been less frequent and the pitchers have turned in 12 complete games.

During the winning streak coach Harry Lloyd has been going basically with a three-man pitching rotation of Mike Merritt, Tim Collins and Bob Thompson. The staff is so deep that Joe Howard, Greg Leighton and Bruce Arrowood have hardly had a chance to show their stuff.

The improved defense and the resurgence of the pitching staff give the Tar Heels an excellent chance of knocking off Louisburg in the playoffs. Also the Tar Heels are really hitting the ball now. Carolina has pounded Campbell pitchers for 48 runs in their last three games with the Camels.

Mike Wilkerson led the 12-hit attack Tuesday night with two doubles and four runs batted in, Steve Rackley had three hits and Greg Leighton and Early Jones contributed two apiece. Mike Merritt pitched a four-hitter for his fourth straight victory after a 1-3 start.

Merritt struggled for the first three innings against Campbell but pitched a no-hitter for the last six innings to raise his record to 5-3. Merritt ended with eight strikeouts and the Camels managed to hit only two balls to the outfield after the third inning.

Campbell scored a run in the first and third innings for their only runs of the game. Frank Floyd doubled with one out in the first, advanced to third on a wild pitch and came home on an error by Charlie Spivey. Al McMillan walked to open the third, Floyd singled then Pat Havers stroked a hit up the middle to score McMillan.

Carolina scored three unearned runs in their half of the first on two errors, two walks and two hits to go ahead 3-1. Wilkerson doubled for two more runs in the fourth after Bill Lee walked and

Rackley singled to open the inning.

Five of Carolina's runs came after two were out in the fifth and seventh. Campbell's Burt Cayson struck out the first two batters in the fifth then Leighton beat out an infield hit, Spivey walked and Lee singled to drive in one run. Consecutive singles by Jones and Rackley scored two more runs to make the score 8-2.

Wilkerson's second double and two singles led a four-run uprising in the seventh to knock Cayson out of the box. Cayson walked nine and struck out three as his record fell to 4-5.

Carolina played Wilmington last night and meet Louisburg at Smithfield Saturday to end the regular season. The Tar Heels will play the third place finisher here Monday night at 7:30 if they win one of their remaining games or if Appalachain loses one. Louisburg meets the fourth place team in the playoffs at home. The double elimination tournament moves to Boshamer Stadium for the final games Tuesday and Wednesday.

SUMMER LEAGUE BASEBALL CAMPBELL CAROLINA R H BI McMillan 2b Jones cf Floyd 3b Rackley 2b Cline c Wilkerson rf

Baldwin c

Ethridge 1b

R. Merritt lf

Leighton dh

Spivey 3b

Gursoy dh

Rasnake If

M. Merritt p

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Chance If

Little ss

Johnson 1b

Parker dh-c

Overby cf

Cayson p

Totals

Covington p

Cayson L (4-5) Covington Merritt W (5-3)

E-Spivey, Little 2, Covington, Lee. DP-Campbell 1. Carolina 1. LOB-Campbell 5, Carolina 11. 2b-Floyd, Baldwin, Wilkerson SB-McMillan, Lee.

WP-Merritt. HBP-by Covington (Gursoy).

Around n' about sports

Covering the campus: Tony Waldrop, plagued by a nagging illness, cut short his trip to Europe and now is back' in the Tar Heel country.

The Carolina track whiz won the British Championships in the 1,500 meter run 10 days ago and was scheduled to run four other races in Sweden, Italy and Finland. But Tony became ill in London and returned to the United States.

since May when he ran his ninth consecutive sub-four minute mile in the ACC

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sore throat and a bad chest cold. "I think my whole problem can be traced to that day," Waldrop says. "I ran when I

wasn't feeling well and it left me in a state of fatigue. I haven't really felt good since then. I'm just going to have to gradually get my strength back before I run anymore."

championships on Fetzer Field here. He

competed that day despite the fact he had a

Would you believe it? Football Waldrop has not been completely healthy practice starts at Carolina in just 18 days on August 20. The Tar Heels open their season in just six weeks on Sept. 14, meeting Ohio University in Kenan Stadium.

Plans call for the Tar Heel players to report back to campus on Aug. 18. The players will undergo physical examinations on Aug. 19 and also will pose that day for pictures.

A week later on Aug. 26, newsmen from around the conference will come to Chapel Hill on Operation ACC Football. On that day, the newsmen will interview Carolina coach Bill Dooley and the Tar Heel players.

Bobby Jones is now a married man. He and the lovely Tess West, a former Carolina coed, were married in Charlotte last Saturday and they are currently honeymooning at an unknown site.



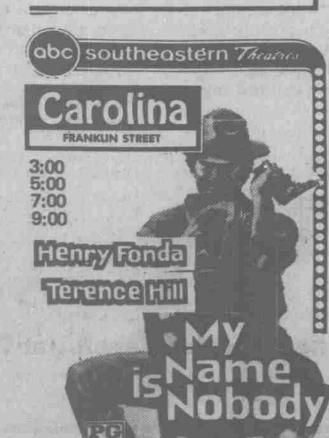
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Now Playing



Righthander Tim Collins, who has won seven straight games for the Carolina Summer League team, appears headed for a brilliant Tar Heel future. Coach Walter Rabb says Collins can be a big winner

in the ACC. "Tim's performance really is no surprise to me," Rab says. "We knew last year when he was a freshman that he was going to develop into a good college pitcher. He has a variety of pitches and he knows how to keep the ball

Collins beat Louisburg 1-0 in 11 innings his last time out. He has the best earned run average in the Summer League with a mark

Dale Lydecker is tearing the cover off the ball as a professional in the rookie baseball league in New York. At latest report he was hitting .360 and the Mets were thinking of moving him to a high classification team.

Lydecker will come back to campus bext month to be the kicking specialist for Bill Dooley's football Tar Heels. Under a new NCAA rule, a player can participate professionally in one sport and play college ball in another.

"We think Dale will be the best punter in the ACC this fall," Dooley says. Lydecker finished sixth in the nation last season with a 40.3 average, but that was only second best in the ACC. Wake Forest's Chuck Ramsey booted the ball out of sight and was the national champion.

Dean Smith will be guest lecturer Aug. I at the prestigious Atlanta Coaching Clinic. The Carolina coach is in great demand to speak at clinics across the

In case you don't know why, Furman coach Joe Williams supplied the answer in a recent statement to newsmen. "When I think of basketball, I think of Dean Smith," said Williams. "He's the greatest innovator in the game today. Watch any ACC game and you will see that every coach in the league, in one way or another, copies the Dean Smith style."

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N.C. State to make tour of Far East

WASHINGTON (UPI)-The North Carolina State basketball team, last season's national major collegiate champions, will make a 17-day tour of the Far East beginning August 7.

The team will play two games in Manila, Aug. 10-11 against the Philippine National Team and in Jakarta Aug. 13 and Medan Aug. 14 against the National Team of Indonesia.

The Thai National Basketball Team will be the Wolfpacks opponent in Bangkok Aug. 19 and finally the Kanto College All-Stars in Tokyo on Aug. 22.

The tour is sanctioned, and partially funded, by the U.S. State Department. Eleven members of last year's national championship team will make

the trip, said head coach Norman Sloan. The only three that will not go are the graduating seniors. "The primary purpose of the trip, as

we see it, is to generate goodwill from our country to theirs," said All-American David Thompson. Thompson's 26-point average led the

Wolfpack and the ACC but he was by no means the only member of the team to score in double figures this past

Monte Towe, whose speed and accuracy as an outside shooter offset his lack of height, averaged 12 points a game. So did Morris Rivers, who transferred from Gulf Coast Junior College in Florida.

North Carolina's Tim Collins and

Louisburg's Ron Mussleman continue to

dominate the pitching statistics. Collins has

the lowest earned run average of any pitcher

who has gone 40 innings with a 1.26 mark.

His perfect 7-0 record is the best in the

Mussleman also has seven victories. He

Jones fourth in batting race

Louisburg third baseman Randy Warrick continues to hold a narrow lead over teammate Charlie Stevens in the North Carolina Collegiate Baseball League's batting race.

Statistics compiled through games of July 28 show Warrick batting .380 with Stevens at .376. They have ranked one-two in hitting all summer. This is the last week of the regular season.

Appalachian shortstop Mike Ramsey has

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moved into third place with a .365 average. must average 2.5 times at bat for every game He is followed by North Carolina outfielder Early Jones at .359 and another Louisburg player, Glen Card, at .350. Next comes Louisburg's Steve Coats at

.339, Mark Dunn of Appalachian at .337, Jeff Petty of Louisburg at .333, and Campbell's Frank Floyd at .329. North Carolina's Steve Rackley and Appalachian's Malcom McLean are tied for thenth at .326.

Coats leads the league in runs-batted in with 27, doubles with 13 and home runs with four. Jones and Warrick have the most hits, 42. Stevens and Tar Heel shortstop Bill Lee have scored the most runs, 29 each. To be eligible for the batting title, a player

played by his team.

has pitched the most innings, 77, and also struck out the most batters, 77. Appalachian's Jim Blankenship trails

Collins in the ERA department with 1.45 mark. Carolina's Mike Merritt ranks third at

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