

## Balanced hitting, pitching

# Chamberlain, Heels win summer league

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During the first season of the North Carolina Collegiate Summer Baseball League the Tar Heels swept both the regular season play and the championship tournament.

The summer league is the first on campus league of its kind in the United States. The league is new to the Carolina program and, according to Coach Rabb, "should improve the whole baseball program by giving the players more game experience and hot weather playing time."

## Heels ready to defend 3rd Carmichael Cup

All high school athletes whose grades are good enough for eligibility in the ACC will hear recruiters describe their universities in 24-karat terms.

But the UNC recruiters will be the only ones in the ACC who can say their athletic programs, as a whole, were the best in 1970-71.

Carolina's third Carmichael Cup backs up this claim. UNC won it convincingly last year, by 6½ points over Maryland and 13½ points over third-place Duke.

The Tar Heels won league titles in basketball, fencing and tennis. Maryland had four championships (wrestling, indoor track, outdoor track, and baseball), but the Terrapins did not field a fencing squad and scored no points there while Carolina was picking up a full eight points for first place.

Virginia was fourth with 58½ points, State fifth with 49½, Clemson and South Carolina sixth with 39½ and Wake Forest last with 33.

Carolina wrapped up its third cup with

During the past season the Tar Heels' record was 26 wins against 10 losses in league regular season play. The closest competition was UNC-Wilmington which finished the season with 23 wins and 13 losses for second place.

Louisburg (18-18) finished in third place. East Carolina was fourth with a 16-20 record and Campbell fell to last place at 7-29.

The Tar Heels' greatest asset during the past summer season was their offensive scoring punch. Five Tar Heels finished in the top ten batters in the league and a sixth Tar Heel was close behind in twelfth place.

Shortstop Bobby Guthrie led the Tar Heels in the batting race at the end of the season with a brilliant .317 batting average. Guthrie was a choice for the league all-star team at the end of the season.

Mike Roberts is right behind Guthrie in the final statistics for the season. Roberts fell into a batting slump in the

last week of play and finished in fourth place in the race for the batting crown.

He was another choice for the all-star team, and has also been on the ACC all-star team for the past two seasons. Roberts led the Tar Heels in the number of home runs this summer with four round trips.

Mickey Hickerson finished in seventh

place in the batting competition with a solid .295 average. Hickerson was the only unanimous choice for the summer league all-star team.

Jack Leachman finished close behind Hickerson with a .294 batting average for eighth place in the batting race. Dickie Witt finished with a .293 average for ninth place.

Jack Gillis fell into a batting slump during the last week of play and fell from tenth place in the batting competition with a .287 average to twelfth place at .276. Gillis was an all-star choice from the Tar Heel team.

Pitching depth was the Tar Heel's major weakness this summer. The Tar Heels were blessed with Jim Chamberlain, all-star choice and league most valuable player. Chamberlain led the league in almost all pitching categories for most of the season.

"Jimbo" Chamberlain finished the regular season with a league leading 0.63 earned run average and a 9-1 record. He improved on these statistics during the first game of the league tournament for

an overall earned run average of 0.57 and an overall record of 10-1.

Chamberlain was also a scoring threat with a .324 batting average. He did not have enough at bats to be considered in the batting race.

Behind Chamberlain the Tar Heels did not have another pitcher ranked in the top ten. Fred Gianiny finished in eleventh place with a 3.68 earned run average and a 4-2 record. Mike Merritt was the third starter for the Tar Heels. Mike finished the season with a 3.92 earned run average and a 5-1 record.

Relief pitching was the real weakness of the Tar Heel baseball team. Coach Prindle had to use his starters for relief several times during the season.

The Tar Heels won the first two games of the best of three league tournament to end the summer season. Chamberlain was the winning pitcher in the first game and Merritt was the winning pitcher of the final meeting with Wilmington. This final finish will undoubtedly help boost the morale of the team when they start ACC competition this year.



All-Star Mickey Hickerson

## UNC secondary heals

by Rick Brewer

The defensive secondary, listed as a weak spot in North Carolina's defense last fall, may be a team strongpoint when the Tar Heels open their 1971 football season.

However, according to Carolina Coach Bill Dooley, that will depend on a big "if."

"Three of our defensive backs underwent operations last year," says Dooley. "If they can come back and play as they did before being injured, we could have the best secondary since I've been here."

The three players are Rusty Culbreth, sidelined in the North Carolina State game; Richard Stilley, who suffered a shoulder injury against Duke; and Greg Ward, injured in the Peach Bowl against Arizona State.

"If we hope to be a contender for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship, we must get good play in the secondary," says Dooley. "Mistakes back there cost you dearly."

Dooley is certainly right about that. Carolina could have bettered last year's 8-3 record with a stronger air defense. South Carolina and Tulane both used long pass plays to defeat the Tar Heels.

Carolina returns four players who started at one time or other in the secondary last fall. Two promising newcomers will give the Tar Heels added depth.

If he's healthy, Culbreth should be one of the top defenders in the South. Although only 5'9" and 165 pounds, the Greensboro, N.C. senior is one of the hardest hitters on the team. A blue-chip athlete, he is also a dazzling punt returner.

It happens all the time. A football coach takes a few losing seasons while he gets his recruiting together, gets set to bring a couple of winning seasons off, and then gets fired.

His successor blows in, goes something like 7-3, and is nominated for "coach of the year."

Bill Dooley suspects that this process has just taken place at Illinois, where Jim Valek left after four seasons and a record of 8-32.

Bob Blackman (104-37-3 in 16 years at Dartmouth) is ready to reap the benefits of 38 returning lettermen, 15 returning starters, and two straight undefeated freshmen teams. And Illinois hosts Carolina on Sept. 18.

That, along with a Chapel Hill date with Tulane on Oct. 9 and a trip to a place called South Bend Oct. 16, gives Dooley and the Tar Heels a very attractive outside schedule.

"I'll be honest with you, I'm not thinking about Notre Dame," says Dooley. "Everybody knows that they're great, that their third team could probably compete in any conference in the country. Right now I'm just thinking about Richmond Sept. 11."

Now, about Illinois. Blackman's team has already been picked as high as fourth in the Big Ten, ahead of Ohio State.

And he is planning to use only five seniors in the starting 22, along with five sophomores.

The most talented starter is junior Tab Bennett, a 240-pound defensive tackle from Miami who runs the 40 in 4.6. "If he can play in 1971 like he did in the spring game (12 unassisted tackles) there

is no doubt that he'll be an All-American," says Blackman.

The Illini has the makings of a good air attack with soph receiver Garvin Roberson (3 catches for 205 yards as a freshman) and quarterback Mike Wells, a junior who passed for 906 yards.

On the ground, Darrell Robinson gained 187 and 163 yards against Ohio State and Purdue on successive weeks, and a soph fullback named John Wilson is being called All-American already.

Only one starter is gone from the offensive line, led by center Larry McCarren and most everybody is back on defense. Willie Osley, at cornerback, has run the 100 in 9.6.

If Illinois is a darkhorse to break into the Top 20, Tulane is a definite contender. "They've only lost two big names," says Dooley, "halfback Dave Abercrombie and linebacker Rick Kingrea."

The Green Wave won the Liberty Bowl last year and 35 lettermen return, including 14 starters. New coach Bennie Ellender counts on a veteran secondary, responsible for 22 interceptions last year and led by senior Joe Bullard.

On offense, quarterback Mike Walker victimized UNC with long passing in a 24-17 win last fall and returns with flanker Steve Barrios. Redshirt Ricky Hebert is the top candidate to replace Abercrombie.

Tulane opens with Texas Tech and Georgia, which should be equal matches, and closes with Notre Dame and LSU.

The Greenies may not be 7-4 again because of their record, but most observers expect them to be better than last season.

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