

## Summer league baseball opens Saturday

by Jim Thomas  
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The North Carolina Collegiate Summer Baseball League begins its fifth year of operation this weekend despite the withdrawal of two schools for one year because of financial difficulties.

Appalachian State and Campbell College dropped out of the summer league last week, reducing the number of teams from seven to five—Carolina, Louisburg Junior College, East Carolina, UNC-Wilmington and Methodist.

The Tar Heels open their 32-game schedule against East Carolina Saturday at Greenville before returning to Cary Boshamer Stadium for home contests against Wilmington Monday and Louisburg Tuesday. The fifth league member, Methodist, gets its season underway Sunday with a home game against East Carolina at Fayetteville.

Louisburg was the runaway regular season champion last summer with a 21-8 record. Carolina finished second with an 18-12 mark but captured the tournament title by defeating the Hurricanes 6-4 in 11 innings. The Tar Heels won their last nine regular season games plus two more in the playoffs to wind up the summer with an 11-game winning streak.

UNC coach Mike Roberts is optimistic about the Tar Heels chances of defending their summer league title with approximately half of the regular season varsity squad staying in Chapel Hill this summer.

"Wilmington and Louisburg should be the favorites at the beginning of the season, but I feel we have the talent to compete with them from the start," said the confident young coach. "I will be disappointed if we don't come in either first or second place."

With formal practice just beginning last Monday, only Steve Rackley, Early Jones and Jimmy Baldwin are assured of starting positions, but Bill Lee, Mike Fox and Kevin Haerberle should man three of the four infield spots with Bob Thomson and Clay Johnson leading the mound staff.

Thomson was scheduled to be the opening day pitcher Saturday, but the rising junior recently jammed his hand through a car window and had to undergo surgery on his left thumb. However, the 6-5 righthander should be available for the Tar Heels' first home game Monday at 7:30 p.m. in

Boshamer against Wilmington.

The Seahawks, who are currently competing in the NAIA national championships at St. Joseph, Mo., loom as the pre-season favorites to take the summer league crown.

Wilmington failed to make the playoffs for the first time in league history last summer, finishing with a 6-25 record, but compiled a 27-9 record this past spring with the addition of three outstanding freshmen hurlers—Phil Lambert (7-1), Parker Davis (6-3) and Mike Hunter (4-2). Junior Randy Prosser, who was a starter early in the season, provides relief from the bullpen.

Coach Bill Brooks also has a couple of .300 hitters—Van Lewis (.336) and Robert Pittman (.318), along with Larry File, who batted over .400 the last half of the regular season, to give UNC-W a potent hitting attack in addition to a strong pitching staff.

Louisburg features two Carolina-bound players, outfielder Steve Coats and third baseman Randy Warrick, who UNC coach Walter Rabb is counting on to strengthen the Tar Heels' lineup next season.

Coats batted .330 and set a school record

with 12 home runs this past spring despite being hobbled by shin splints all season. The Louisburg slugger also smashed a record five home runs and four consecutive roundtrippers as the Hurricanes (31-5) finished third in the National Junior College Baseball Tournament last week at Grand Junction, Colo.

Warrick, who was overwhelmingly voted the most outstanding player in last year's summer league, blistered the opposition for a .380 batting average during the regular season.

Joining Coats and Warrick in the lineup are fleet centerfielder Charlie Stevens and first baseman Sonny Wooten, who hit .335 and knocked 11 home runs this past spring.

The only significant loss of last summer's regular season champs is Clemson-bound hurler Ron Musselman (9-2), who Louisburg Coach Russ Fraser called "as good as any college pitcher I saw all season."

East Carolina returns to the league after a year's absence. The Pirates, who dropped out last summer as a result of losing 11 players off the varsity squad, recovered from a slow start this past spring to finish the

season with a 17-12 record and third in the Southern Conference.

The Pirates, who defeated SC champ Citadel (21-7) twice during the last week of the season and split with pre-season favorite Wilmington, will have their top three pitchers competing this summer—Steve Herring (3-2, 2.79 ERA), Bob Feeney (4-0, 2.62) and Dean Reavis (6-2, 1.81)—along with the second leading hitter, second baseman Steve Bryant (324). In addition, the lineup will be bolstered by the return of Glen Card, who batted over .300 for Louisburg last summer but missed the regular season due to a knee operation.

Methodist will be joining the league for the first time this summer. The Monarchs compiled a 27-14 record this past spring and reached the finals of NCAA Division 29 before bowing to Wilmington in extra innings.

Coach Paul Sanderford has his top three pitchers competing—Sam Tolar (4-4, 1.44), Mitch Davis (6-2, 2.56) and Earl Bunn (6-4, 1.58) in addition to the leading hitter, second baseman John Donaldson (.333, 35 RBI), who is considered to be a prime pro prospect.

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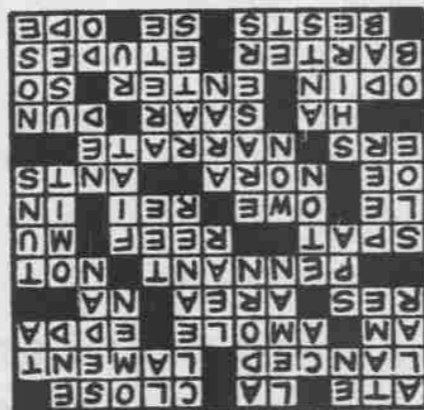
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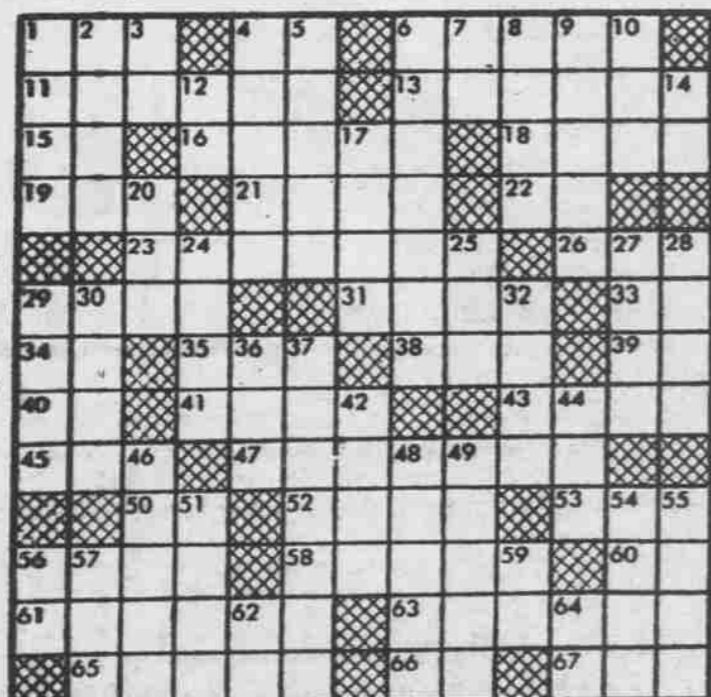
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- 13 Mourn greatly
- 15 Part of "to be"
- 16 Soap plant
- 18 Icelandic writing
- 19 Things, in law
- 21 Region
- 22 A continent (abbr.)
- 23 Flag
- 26 Negative
- 29 Quarrel
- 31 Sand bar
- 33 Greek letter
- 34 French article
- 35 Be in debt
- 38 Unit of Portuguese currency
- 39 Preposition
- 40 Faroe Islands whirlwind
- 41 Girl's name
- 43 Emmets
- 45 Bitter vetch
- 47 Tell
- 50 Exclamation
- 52 District in Germany
- 53 Press for payment
- 56 Norse god
- 58 Go in
- 60 Conjunction
- 61 Trade
- 63 Musical studies
- 65 Defeats
- 66 Compass point
- 67 Poem

**DOWN**

- 1 Winglike
- 2 Domesticated
- 3 Printer's measure
- 4 Sweetheart
- 5 Decorate
- 6 Tidier



- 7 Note of scale
- 8 Foreboding
- 9 Style of automobile
- 10 Goal
- 12 Symbol for calcium
- 14 Symbol for tantalum
- 17 Shakespearian king
- 20 Resort
- 24 Short jacket
- 25 Golf mound
- 27 Leave out
- 28 Large casks
- 29 Plumlike fruit
- 30 Equal
- 32 Decree
- 36 Emerged victorious
- 37 Rubbers on pencils
- 42 Island of Ireland
- 44 Man's nickname
- 46 English county
- 48 Evaluates
- 49 Rugged mountain crest
- 51 Emmets
- 54 Employed
- 55 Part of face
- 56 River in Siberia
- 57 Bespatter
- 59 Symbol for ruthenium
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- 64 Note of scale



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