

Faces Atlantic Christian tonight

Norris returns from Japan series

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After any athlete has an outstanding season, one wonders if he could possibly equal, or much less surpass his achievements. During his four years at Carolina, fans wondered if All-America record breaker Phil Ford could.

Tar Heel supporters can now marvel at another All-America record breaker, and ask themselves if this superstar can possibly top himself.

In his junior year at Carolina, Whiteville's Greg Norris broke better than half the single season UNC pitching records, tied an ACC record, and put himself an arm's length from three other UNC career marks.

That season gave Carolina's baseball team national prominence. Throughout the season, it had to be a relief to rookie coach Mike Roberts to know that every 3 or 4 games, he could put the nation's top pitcher on the mound. Norris was an ace that earned an All-America first team spot, and was named ACC player of the year.

As a fitting end to a magnificent regular season, Norris pitched a no-hitter against East Tennessee State. That gave him a perfect 12-0 regular season record.

After a two week break, the fireballing Norris led the Heels into post-season play for the first time in a while. He picked up where he left off, by again hand-cuffing East Tennessee State 15-1.

After pitching a pretty good game against Memphis State, he had his first bad game of the season. "I had a real bad lapse against Oral Roberts. I knew it would come sooner or later. It just came at Omaha, which was a bad time," said Norris.

"Then the next game that I pitched, against Southern Cal, was, I think, the best game I really pitched all year." Even though the Heels lost to the eventual champion Trojans 3-2, a lot of observers echoed Greg's comments on his performance.

One of the impressed onlookers in the other dugout was Southern California's head coach Rod Dedeaux. He invited Greg to participate in the US All-Star team's tour of Japan.

Perhaps the most awed person in the stands, however, was a San Francisco scout. He thought so highly of Norris, that the Giants picked him in the summer baseball draft.

Norris, however, didn't think as highly of the Giants. "I really didn't like the team that drafted me. For the round I went in, the offers were a lot better than (a person picked in) a round like that should get."

"They were really wanting me pretty badly, especially after the Southern Cal game. It was sort of appealing, I got the kind of money I thought I was going to get. But I just said no; I couldn't go. After

the experience in Omaha, and how everybody really was so close, I thought why not one more year here."

Although he turned down the offer to go pro, he accepted the invitation from coach Dedeaux to tour Japan.

The All-Star was made up of mostly players from the national champion USC team. It included many others that competed in the NCAA tournament.

"We had a really good series with the Japanese All-Star team," said Norris, "and we found out how good they are, and what kind of people they are."

Greg said that the styles of American and Japanese players vary a lot. "The pitchers threw straight under handed,



Greg Norris

instead of our straight over head or three quarters."

"Most of the Japanese parks are small, 286 down the line and 384 to straight center," said Norris. This might be one of the reasons you see an average ballplayer like Dave Johnson go from the Majors to Japan, and lead their league in home runs.

Norris also said that the Japanese are not power hitters. "They can't hit the ball out of the ball park, but they get base hits and play real good defense. We are more powerful, but I think they have more technique."

"The big difference is the strike zone," he said. "It is much higher in Japan. It was from the waist to the top of the shoulders."

Japan's All-Stars won the series 4-3, that marked just the second time in seven years that the United States has lost the series.

"Everybody was so tired from playing in the College World Series," said Norris, "and we had so much pressure on us. When we went to Japan, we had 60 or 70 games already played, and they had 20. So they were just starting to peak, while we were just really tired. I think the whole team enjoyed it a lot, but I'm just glad to be in Chapel Hill."

He will not, however, be in Chapel Hill

very much the rest of the summer. Although Norris rejoined Carolina's summer league team, he still wants to rest his arm at the same time. "During every game that I don't pitch, I'll stay home. But when I have to pitch, I'm going to come up here. I'll pitch that day, and go back the next day."

His first appearance was Saturday night when he started the opening game of a double-header against Louisville. It was an inauspicious return to the "states," as he yielded four runs in 4 2/3 innings. In the top of the fifth inning, Norris pushed the first base umpire while protesting a call, and was thrown out of the game. His team didn't have much luck on the rainy night either. They dropped both ends of the twin-bill 6-5 and 6-3.

Norris hopes for better luck tonight when he is scheduled to pitch for the Heels in a game at Atlantic Christian. "I hope to have a really good season, and in the fall, I'll push a lot of weights and maybe get a little stronger so I'll have a stronger fastball," says Norris.

In the back of his mind, of course, has to be the question of how the team will do next year. "We're gonna have almost everybody back, and we're gonna have a close team again. We expect a lot more out of this team that's coming back, than what we had this year. We weren't even ranked in the top 30, and finished up third in the nation, so I think this coming year, that we are gonna really be strong. We ought

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become killers even if they operate within federal guidelines. Such noted scientist as Linus Pauling and John Gofman have demonstrated that the normal operation of nuclear plants could result in 50,000 additional cancer and cancer-related deaths in this country for every year. Recent studies have found that workers in the industry, from the uranium mines to the storage sites, are subjected to excessive health hazards from their exposure to radiation.

In fact, there are very readily available alternatives of producing the energy we need that are far more economical and much less damaging to the environment than nuclear or coal power. The blueprint for a soft technology strategy has already been produced: "Solar Energy: Progress and Promise" is a lengthy study by the Council on Environmental Quality, President Carter's advisory group on environmental matters. The report details how solar energy and related technologies can provide almost one-fourth of our total energy needs by the year 2000. It also explains the numerous social advantages such technologies have over nuclear and coal power: their renewable nature, their freedom from boycotts and embargoes, their lack of pollution, and, most significantly, the fact that these technologies will result in a large increase in jobs for our economy.

to be the favorites,—almost in the country—at least the top 2."

The traditions that Carolina, UCLA and Kentucky have in basketball, are similar to those USC and Arizona State have in baseball. Norris believes that Carolina can't be far from starting one like that too.

"Southern Cal and Arizona State may still be a step ahead of us because they do have the tradition. But to me, that's the only thing they have ahead of us. And now since we have a great coach in coach Roberts, and we have good players, and good players coming in, we want to get that tradition, and we'll be there for many years to come."

As for his personal goals for next year, Norris says that they will be almost identical to last season's. "I'll have the same goals, except next year, I don't want to lose," says the confident hurler. "I didn't really plan on losing this year, but I did, and that's how it went. Next year I want to duplicate myself, except I want to have more fun."

"I want to get my strikeouts up," said Norris, who had 118 of them last year, "and really get my walks down. Walks sort of hurt me this year."

It will be very hard to have no more walks than that a game. However, along with almost everything else he does, his hard work will make it look easy. You can usually expect the best from the guy that is rewriting the record books.

Kirk uses opportunity

by Ted Avery
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Many athletes wait for the moment of truth, the moment when one's potential is realized. For righthanded Tar Heel pitcher David Kirk it came in a game against Liberty Baptist. As a walk-on, Kirk waited and worked hard until he finally got the nod. He seized the moment and proved himself in an 8-2 victory. "I've always thought that given the chance I could win," he commented.

Recognizing his talent, Coach Mike Roberts sent Kirk against college baseball powers South Carolina and Clemson. Stated the young hurler, "It gave me confidence knowing he was counting on me and willing to use me."

Roberts continued to count on him in the College World Series where Kirk was the winning pitcher against Auburn and a reliever against Memphis State and Michigan. Carolina won all three games. For Kirk, the Series was "a fulfillment of daydreams."

Although his record is outstanding (5-

2), he does not foresee a future in professional ball. "It isn't one of my set plans." He is majoring in journalism and is seeking a job in advertising.

In the meantime, though, he is working on a different set of pitches. Sliders are his bread and butter, but this summer he has been working on curve balls. "In between starts, I work on pitching by throwing the ball and getting loose." He adds, "I try to keep my legs in shape, my pitches in low and my mind in the game."

This work has kept Kirk busy. He laments, "I've only been home (Louisville, Kentucky) two days since Christmas." Although this year has been relatively trouble-free, he concedes, "It's been a long season."

It may seem even longer for the entire Tar Heel team which is far behind frontrunner Louisville. Although a regular season championship seems unlikely for Carolina, there is a possibility that the team will top Louisville in the Summer League Tournament. A chance is what the Heels will get; a chance is what David Kirk got.

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