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Summer baseball team has ups and downs-

Heels split with UNC-W

By DAVID THOMPSON

John Marshall's single capped a two-run seventh inning as Carolina defeated UNC-Wilmington 4-3 in the first game of a doubleheader in North State College Baseball League action Tuesday night.

Jamie McGuire pitched a three-hitter in the second game as the Seahawks split the doubleheader, winning 6-0.

Brian Ashley, 2-1, pitched 11/1 innings in relief of Tim Breedlove to earn the victory in the opening game.

"Tim did a super job for five innings," Coach Mark Scalf said. "He was not getting the ball down, but he was able to get by. He kept the lead runners off base, which is important."

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the third, UNC scored twice. With one out, Ronnie Broome walked, stole second, reached third on Mitch McCleney's infield single, and scored on Jeff Hubbard's sacrifice fly. McCleney later scored on a Marshall single.

After one out and two walks in the bottom of the seventh, Jeff Hubbard hit what appeared to be a game-ending double play, but Seahawk second baseman Tim Whitehead committed a throwing error to first, allowing Broome to score and setting the stage for Marshall.

The Tar Heels, who had not played for nine days due to rain, fell behind early in the second game.

UNC-Wilmington loaded the bases in the second inning off Kyle Rhoades, who then gave way to Ronnie Huffman. Huffman walked the next batter to force in a run, before a sacrifice fly and wild pitch gave the Seahawks a 3-0 lead. They added another three runs in the sixth inning for the final score.

Carolina never threatened afterwards, as McGuire faced 16 batters, only one over the minimum, through the final five innings.

Scalf said he was not satisfied with the team's performance. "We played fairly well in the first game, but even if we had come back and won the second game, I would not be satisfied," he said.

He added that the team may have lost some concentration in the second game. "I don't know if they thought they would be satisfied with a split, or if that was all that's expected of them," Scalf said.

One problem may be psychological, Scalf said. "The players have shown they can play sometimes, but in others they haven't," he said.

The Tar Heels, now 6-12, play a doubleheader tonight at Campbell before returning home to face East Carolina Saturday at 7:30.

Injuries deplete staff

Pitcher Chris Kahler is out for the remainder of the summer league season, and pitcher Bill Gallagher's mound career is over, Coach Mark Scalf said Tuesday.

Kahler, who was expected to be one of the top pitchers for UNC this summer, is suffering from a stress fracture in his right leg.

"I was coming down with it at the end of the spring season," Kahler said. "After the layoff between seasons, I started off too hard. I came back too fast, which kept making it worse."

Kahler is now undergoing a rehabilitation program scheduled to last six weeks. In two weeks he will start running and lifting weights.

He said he was planning to pitch for a Maryland team in a Johnstown, Pennsylvania, tournament in mid-August.

"I don't want to be throwing in the tournament if I'm not ready," Kahler said. "I have to be careful to throw with my legs in shape, or else I'll get a sore arm." Gallagher pitched two games this summer before conceeding. "I can't throw anything with any decent speed, nothing effective." he said.

He had pitched only 1½ innings in two years before this summer after undergoing surgery to correct a rotator cuff injury.

"I don't know what I could feel (about the injury)," he said. "There's no sense in beating it into the ground."

Gallagher, who was offered a contract by the Los Angeles Dodgers after finishing high school, said he did not regret coming to Carolina.

"I would have nothing now if I had turned pro," Gallagher said. He added that he expected to graduate in December, 1982.

Scalf said that Gallagher might get a chance in the outfield — a position he played in high school — in a few weeks after he got adequate hitting practice.

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