

# Need consistent hitting

## Softballers hoping to rebound

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It won't be easy. Nobody ever said it would.

And, after dropping the first three games of the season, no one on North Carolina's softball squad is thinking it will be.

Coach Susan Clark's team came into the 1983 campaign with high hopes, and some of those dreams may yet be fulfilled with a long slate of games remaining.

To do that, however, it is going to take a strong dose of bat fever. In other words, no bats means no hits which means no runs. And that is precisely what has plagued the Tar Heel women in two of their first three games.

After opening the season on March 3 with a tough 6-5 loss to South Florida, UNC travelled to Gainesville, Fla. for a doubleheader, only to come away with 6-1 and 5-0 losses. The problem? Clark comes right to the point. "We just can't seem to hit the ball," she said.

So much for diagnosis. The cure? It may

lie in the depth of the Tar Heels lineup itself. Clark returns seven starters from 1982's squad, a unit which turned in a 34-28-1 performance over the long haul.

The tops among those seven is All-America outfielder Rose Borkowski, a Miami, Fla. native who led the team in batting and fielding last year.

The rest of the outfield includes veteran starters Dori Kovanen (an All-America soccer player in the fall) and Janet Braxton. So far, the defensive output by the fielders has been solid as expected.

Around the diamond are veterans Marsha Brown at third base, shortstop Suzie Everette, first baseman Kay Holt and catcher Ginny Shriner.

The other two field positions belong to freshmen. Melissa Jarrell is handling second base while Sheila King completes the outfield group.

Cathy Pritchard, last year's starter on the mound, returns for UNC and is hoping for a productive season.

One of the problems that persistently nagged the 1982 edition of Clark's squad was

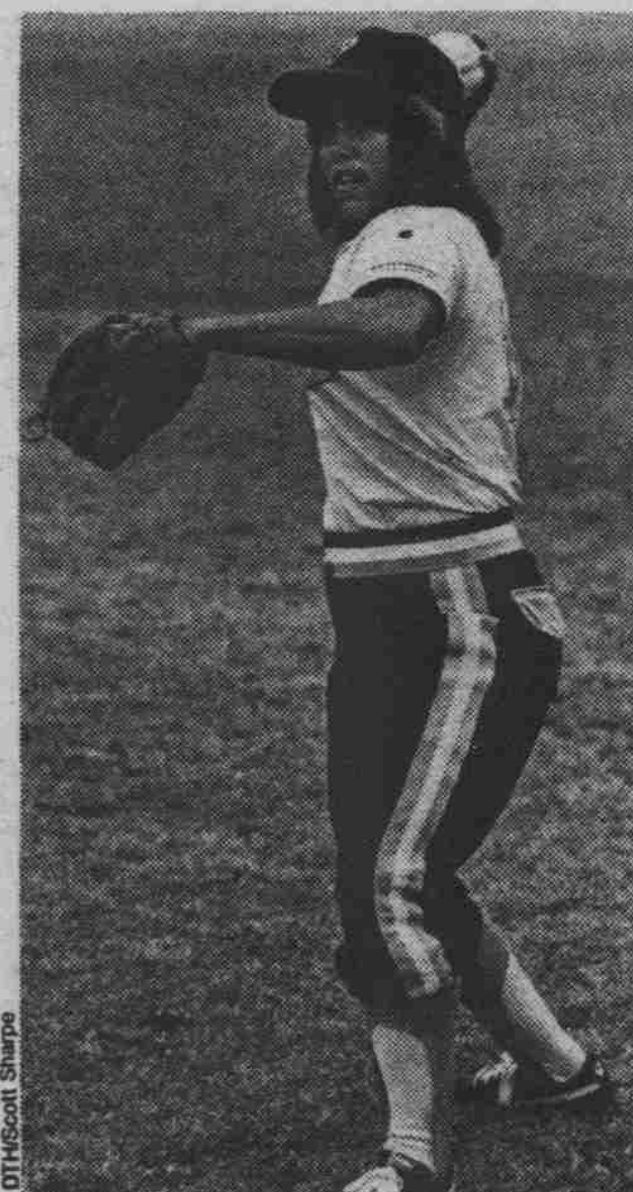
inconsistency. The Tar Heels scored a season-high 29 runs against North Carolina A&T, and showed the potential to explode for runs on numerous other occasions. Clark hopes the team will come around in the hitting department.

"We brought in a lot more people than we lost (last year) and they are all excellent players," she said. "We still will not overpower anyone, but we have good line drive hitters that can collect a lot of hits."

If there is any consolation to the early losses it has to be the knowledge that the squad not only dropped its first three outings in 1982, but actually lost five of seven games before failing to lose again in a nine-game hot streak.

If the same kind of chemistry can develop on this year's squad, if the hurlers can shut down some of the more powerful opponents, if the Tar Heel batters can swing with a high degree of efficiency...

Those are a lot of "ifs," and Clark's squad hopes to turn into "whens." But, it won't be easy. It just won't be easy.



Rose Borkowski

DTH/Scott Sharpe

### 1983 Softball Schedule

Mar. 15	NC A&T State	Greensboro, NC	Apr. 7	UNC-Charlotte	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 17	Appalachian State	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 12	NC State	Raleigh, NC
Mar. 17	Campbell	CHAPEL HILL			(Red Diamond)
Mar. 19	UNC-G	Greensboro, NC	Apr. 15-16	UNC-Charlotte	Charlotte, NC
	Invitational	(Lindley Park)		Invitational	(Hornet's Nest Park)
Mar. 22	East Carolina	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 18	NC A&T State	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 25-26	Catamount Classic	Cullowhee, NC	Apr. 21	Campbell	Buies Creek, NC
Mar. 29	UNC-Charlotte	Charlotte, NC	Apr. 29	Invitational State	Graham, NC
Mar. 31	NC State	CHAPEL HILL		Tournament	(Graham Municipal Park)
Apr. 5	East Carolina	Greenville, NC			

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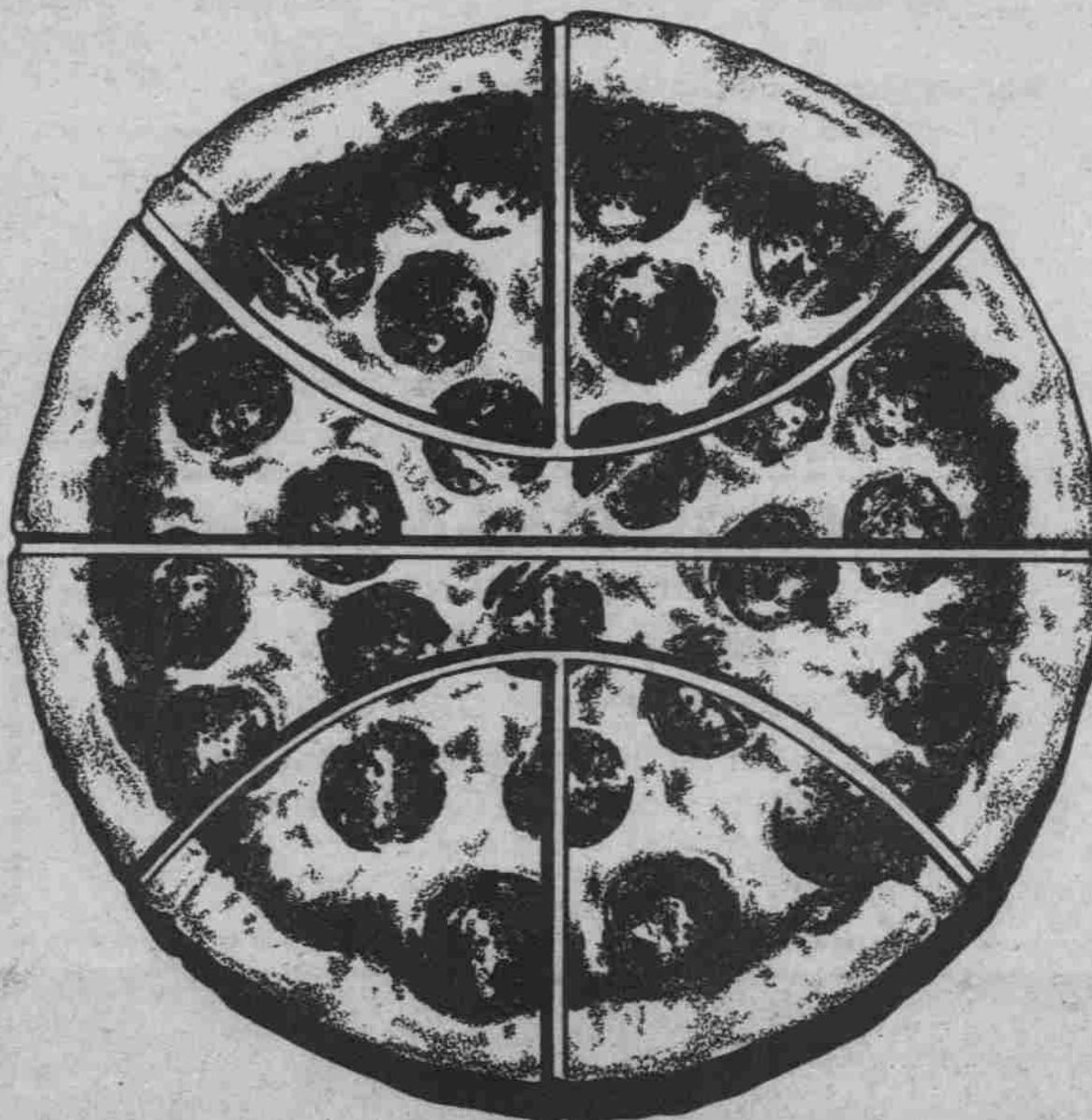
### 1983 Baseball Schedule

Mar. 15	Connecticut	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 1	Georgia Tech	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 16	Fairfield (DH)	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 2	Clemson	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 17	Old Dominion	Norfolk, VA	Apr. 4	Howard	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 18	William & Mary	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 4	East Carolina	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 19	Duke	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 5	Campbell	Buies Creek, NC
Mar. 20	NC State	Raleigh, NC	Apr. 6	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem
Mar. 21	Ohio	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 8	Davidson	Davidson, NC
Mar. 22	Ohio	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 9	Clemson	Clemson, SC
Mar. 22	Tennessee	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 10	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA
Mar. 23	Wake Forest	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 11	UNC-Wilmington	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 24	UNC-Charlotte	Charlotte, NC	Apr. 12	UNC-Wilmington	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 26	Maryland	College Park, MD	Apr. 13	NC State	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 27	Virginia	Charlottesville, VA	Apr. 14	East Carolina	Greenville, NC
Mar. 28	Davidson	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 15	Campbell	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 29	New York-Buffalo	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 16	Maryland	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 30	Duke	Durham, NC	Apr. 17	Virginia	CHAPEL HILL
Mar. 31	New York-Buffalo	CHAPEL HILL	Apr. 20-24	ACC Tournament	CHAPEL HILL

Scott Bankhead	So.	5-11	175	Reidsville, NC
Shawn Dean	Sr.	5-9	165	Aurora, CO
Gordon Douglas	Fr.	6-3	195	Greenville, NC
Bill Gallagher	Sr.	6-1	195	Peekskill, NY
Jeff Hubbard	Jr.	5-11	175	Walpole, NH
Mike Jedziniak	Fr.	5-10	170	Beachwood, NJ
Scott Johnson	Fr.	6-1	190	Edison, NJ
Stuart Jump	Sr.	6-3	190	Signal Mountain, TN
Chris Kahler	So.	6-5	200	Rockville, MD
Greg Karpuk	So.	6-1	190	South Glastonbury, CN
Tim Kirk	Fr.	6-0	170	Salisbury, NC
Mike Kowalski	Jr.	6-1	180	New Hyde Park, NY
Pete Kumiega	Sr.	6-3	210	Longmeadow, MA
Glenn Liacouras	Fr.	5-10	175	West Chester, PA
Tim McGee	Fr.	6-1	175	Chestertown, MD
Steve McGuire	So.	6-4	190	Morris Plains, NJ
Chris Mench	So.	6-2	195	Newark, DE
Jon O'Leary	Fr.	5-11	190	Summit, NJ
Brad Powell	So.	6-6	215	Basking Ridge, NJ
Tom Reed	So.	6-3	185	Fairfax, VA
Drex Roberts	So.	6-1	190	Siler City, NC
Bill Robinson	Fr.	6-5	185	Turnersville, NJ
Greg Schuler	Sr.	6-2	190	Fairfax Station, VA
B.J. Surhoff	Fr.	6-1	175	Rye, NY
Jim Thrift	So.	6-3	185	Vienna, VA
Walt Weiss	Fr.	5-10	165	Suffern, NY
Todd Wilkinson	Jr.	6-3	200	Pease AFB, NH
Roger Williams	Fr.	6-0	185	Greenville, NC

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