

# Baseball team set to open season in New Orleans

By LEE ROBERTS  
Staff writer

The groundhog may have gone back into his hole last week, but he forgot to tell the North Carolina baseball team to wait for spring.

The Tar Heels, ranked fourth in the country following last year's second consecutive ACC championship, head to New Orleans for a season-opening series beginning Friday night.

Seven starters return for coach Mike Roberts' seventh season, led by junior pitcher Scott Bankhead, sophomore catcher, B.J. Surhoff and senior third baseman Jeff Hubbard.

Roberts was asked if he thought the Tar Heels could duplicate their school-record, 42-victory season of 1983. "We're not really setting any win goals," he said. "We just want to try to get consistency. If we play consistent, fundamental baseball from the first game, we'll be in the range of last season."

The players, though, remember May 28 of last year. That was the day they lost to The Citadel and Delaware in the NCAA regionals, ending their season and their chances for an NCAA championship.

"Our main goal is to win the ACC tournament and get an automatic bid to the NCAA's," Bankhead said. "We lost out in the regionals the last two years, and we want to go to Omaha (the site of the College World Series)."

Hubbard added to Bankhead's comment. "We not only want to get to Omaha, we want to win it," he said. "I think we've got a good chance."

Roberts said UNC's record may not be as good this season as the 42-10 mark of 1983, mainly because the schedule is tougher this year. The Tar Heels will play New Orleans, The Citadel, Stetson, Purdue, South Florida and Florida, all college baseball powers.

"But last year is behind us," Roberts said. "This is a completely new club, with a different character."

The loss of two All-ACC players in first baseman Pete Kumiega and designated hitter Drex Roberts will hurt (the two combined for 40 percent of UNC's home runs last season), but the offense looks to be strong nonetheless.

Surhoff will start at catcher after hitting .386 last season, with seven home runs and 49 RBIs as a freshman. He was named to the freshman All-American team last season by *Baseball America* and

has been named first-team All-American as a sophomore by both *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball*. Surhoff also batted .429 to help the U.S. team to the bronze medal in the Pan American Games last summer and has been named to the 44-man preliminary roster for the 1984 U.S. Olympic team. He was one of only eight unanimous selections for the Olympic roster.

And if that doesn't say enough about Surhoff, listen to Roberts talk about his prized possession: "He is the most gifted player in every phase of the game we've had since I've been here," the coach said. "He is an outstanding person who is very humble and who always strives to better himself."

From the sound of things, Surhoff is about all North Carolina will need this season. But the Tar Heels are not a one-man team. Junior Tim McGee, a fine defensive player, will also see time behind the plate.

Hubbard will start at third after hitting .380 with team highs in RBIs (56) and game-winning hits (nine). "Jeff has made as much progress as anyone we've had here," Roberts said. "He has become a very fine college player."

The double-play combination will

feature two returning sophomores, Walt Weiss (.272, 17 steals) at shortstop and Mike Jedziniak (.288, seven home runs) at second. Freshman Alvin Taylor should also see some time at second, Roberts said. Replacing Kumiega, UNC's all-time home run leader, at first base will be junior-college transfer Paul Will and freshman Matt Merullo.

The outfield looks set with sophomore Scott Johnson (.242) in left, sophomore Glenn Liacouras (.347) in center and senior Todd Wilkinson (.266) in right. Surhoff could see some playing time in the outfield, along with freshmen Jim Stone and Devy Bell.

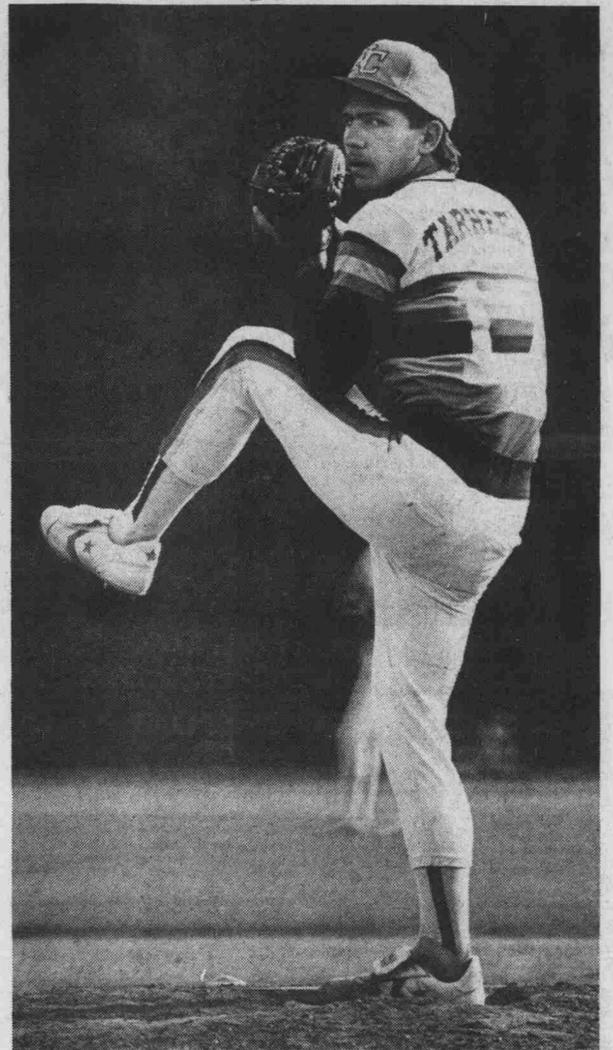
Another strength should be the pitching staff, which finished fifth in the NCAA in ERA at 2.89 last season. Bankhead leads the list after last year's 9-0 record and 2.38 ERA earned him third-team All-American honors.

"Scott has a very strong arm for his size, great mechanics and is a tremendous competitor," Roberts said. "When he takes the mound, we always know he'll give a great effort."

Bankhead will start, along with sophomore Roger Williams (6-3 last year, with the second-best ERA in the nation, 1.19) and junior Greg Karpuk (6-1, 3.24 ERA). The fourth starter will not be determined until March, when the Tar Heels begin to play every day. Roberts said the fourth spot will probably be filled by either sophomore Steve McGuire or junior-college transfer Bob Mulligan, both right-handers. Brad Powell, who had a record of 6-4 last season, is academically ineligible to play this year.

Sophomores Gordon Douglas and Tim Kirk will be the righty-lefty combination of short relievers. The two were 1-2, respectively, in saves in the ACC last season. Middle relief will probably be handled by sophomore righthander Bill Robinson and freshman lefty Doug Torborg. Junior Chris Mench will not make the trip to New Orleans because of a sore shoulder.

# SPORTS



Scott Bankhead, whose 9-0 record and 2.38 ERA earned him third-team All-American honors last season, leads the UNC pitching staff.

## Wake's Teachey named ACC player of the week

The Associated Press

GREENSBORO — Wake Forest center Anthony Teachey, who led the Deacons to two overtime wins last week, has been named the ACC player of the week.

Teachey, a 6-9, 220-pound senior from Goldsboro, hit 10 of 11 shots from the field and two free throws for 22 points in Wake Forest's 67-66 overtime

win over Georgia Tech on Feb. 1. He also pulled down 13 rebounds and blocked five shots.

Teachey, the ACC's leading rebounder, grabbed 11 rebounds in the Deacon's 76-72 overtime victory over Clemson on Saturday. He also scored 21 points.

Maryland point guard Keith Gatlin has been named the ACC rookie of the week for his performance in two league basketball games last week.

Gatlin, a 6-5, 165-pounder from Grimesland, scored 14 points to help the 13th-ranked Terps beat Virginia, 67-66. He then scored 19 points in a 71-70, double-overtime loss to Georgia Tech.

Gatlin, who was the AP high school basketball player of the year in North Carolina in 1983, hit 14 of 26 field goals in the two games and also connected on five of six free throws. He dished out 14 assists and grabbed nine rebounds.

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place more blacks on executive committees, and that he currently was working on the Upendo Lounge issue.

Hecht, saying that 38 percent of black freshmen entering UNC flunk out each year, called for tutorial programs to alleviate the problem. He also said he advocated a cultural awareness project in the Union to call attention to minority achievements.

DTH editor candidate Christine Manuel called for the recruitment of more minority writers on the DTH staff. "It's important to get people from different backgrounds to write for the Tar Heel," she said.

Conway stated a new platform during the BSM forum. He proposed a large-scale readership survey to find out what students expected from the DTH.

Jeff Hiday was unable to attend the Wednesday forums because of a death in his immediate family. He did send representatives to the forums.

Jim Yardley and Jim Zook contributed to this article.

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Democratic presidential candidates, and Jackson also should have a fairly strong showing, he predicted.

UNC's last mock election was held in September 1980, when students were polled on that year's presidential race. John Anderson was the top vote-getter with 36.1 percent, Jimmy Carter received 34.6 percent and Reagan received 26.5 percent.

**THE Daily Crossword** By Fran Ragus

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1 White whale hunter  
5 Meat and potato mixture  
9 Spinning cones  
13 Unmitigated  
14 Qualified  
15 Unskillful  
17 Monogram part: abbr.  
18 Canvas sheet  
19 Brawl  
20 Race (speed for a purpose)  
23 Poet's word  
24 Beauty mark

25 Oscar and Tony  
27 Express approval  
30 Of bristles  
32 Do grammar work  
33 Procedure for efficiency  
37 Harem room  
38 Pass between Italy and France  
39 Integers: abbr.  
40 Appropriate moment  
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47 Bunny food

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51 Passport item  
52 Alarm clock message  
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