

John will be Tar Heel coach

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Major league baseball's loss will be the college game's gain when longtime pitching great Tommy John becomes full-time pitching coach at North Carolina after the 1986 season.

The announcement, made July 24 by UNC's head baseball coach Mike Roberts, came while John, 43, was still on the New York Yankees' disabled list with bursitis of the Achilles' tendon. In two starts since coming off the DL, however, John has pitched masterfully — a 2-0 record and 15 consecutive scoreless innings.

At the time of the announcement, John was queried about the possibility of his winning, for instance, 10 straight games the rest of the season and receiving a large offer from Yankees owner George Steinbrenner to continue his career.

"I would turn it down," said John, a 23-year veteran of the majors. "When I told Mike (Roberts) I was coming, I told him 'My word is my word.' I'll definitely retire after this year."

But on August 14, his confidence soaring, John's words had a bit of a different ring than they did three weeks earlier.

"I always believed I could pitch like this," John told the Associated Press. "If I didn't, I wouldn't have tried out last spring."

When the possibility of a release arrangement between the pennant-hungry Steinbrenner and UNC was raised, John gave this non-committal answer: "Well, that's between George and them (UNC)."

John reportedly turned down similar positions over the past year with the American League's Texas Rangers and perennial collegiate powerhouse Southern California. John also said he passed up possible front office jobs with the Oakland Athletics and the Yankees.

"We're very excited about Tommy accepting a position as pitching coach here," Roberts said. "I think Tommy would be a great addition to college baseball, no matter what program he was in. I'm just thankful he's going to be a Tar Heel."

UNC played last season without a pitching coach due to the departure of Howard McCullough last December. McCullough left Roberts' staff to become a regional scouting director for the Boston Red Sox.

It was then that Roberts contacted John, a three-time 20-game winner who appeared in three World Series in the late 1970s and early '80s, about the prospect of his settling in Chapel Hill.

John said several factors led him to accept Roberts' offer. One was the favorable impression of the area John received while playing for the Yankees in exhibition games at UNC

in 1979 and 1981.

Another consideration was John's family: his wife Sally and four children, the oldest of whom is 11-year-old Tammy John.

"Sally and I asked ourselves where would we like to bring up four young children, and we liked the (Chapel Hill) area. Now if we could just find a home to move into, everything would be fine," John said.

Another important factor was UNC's good academic reputation. John related a story of an unnamed pitcher with borderline grades, whom he called Roberts about a few years ago. The fact that the pitcher's grades made a difference to Roberts impressed John.

"Nowadays in college athletics, grades aren't that important to a lot of institutions," John said. "But here (UNC) it was."

John outlined his three rules of pitching this way — pitch quickly, throw strikes and change speeds. It is a formula which has carried John to a major-league record of 264-208; 140 of those coming after his much-documented reconstructive elbow surgery in 1975.

The easy-going John joked frequently at the introductory press conference, held in Boshamer Stadium. One of John's gems went like this: "Of course, coming from Indiana — we're basketball freaks up there anyway — maybe I could help Dean (Smith) out a little."



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Karen Shelton wants to have more celebrations like this one last year after a win over Old Dominion

Field hockey wants 2nd 'family' title

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The NCAA championship that coach Willie Scroggs' UNC men's lacrosse team captured last May sent shock waves throughout the college lacrosse world.

Three months later, the reverberations linger around Chapel Hill — on coach Karen Shelton's women's field hockey team.

You see, Shelton, who happens to be Scroggs' spouse, has quite a squad of her own, one with definite national championship aspirations.

"People are saying the pressure is on us now and how nice it would be to have two national championships in one family," Shelton said. "Their (lacrosse) championship was a great thing for sport. It was thrilling and I think that will be an inspiration for my team."

Following a 13-4 season in 1985, in which the Tar Heels rose to No. 1 before finishing the year ranked fourth in the nation, UNC has to be considered a frontrunner for a return to the top spot in the polls.

Graduation claimed the services of Shelton's 1985 tri-captains. Gone are forward Louise Hines, the Atlantic Coast Conference's career scoring leader, passing whiz Beth Logan and sensational goalkeeper Jan Miles, who posted 25 shutouts in her four years between the sticks.

Miles' successor will be junior Kathy Mulvey, who appeared in four games last season. "I think Kathy feels the pressure," Shelton said. "She's filling some large shoes, even though Jan was kind of small (5-foot-2)."

"But Kathy has come into preseason practice with a very serious attitude. She got some good experience over the summer at camp. She learned a lot and I think she's ready."

Also missing from Shelton's arsenal is Judith Jonckheer,

the talented Dutch midfielder who led UNC in points (goals plus assists) last season. Jonckheer decided to forego her last two years of college eligibility in order to return to Holland and join the national team there. Jonckheer's master plan is gaining a spot on the 1988 Dutch Olympic team.

"Judith is a very talented girl and I can only wish her well," Shelton said. "The exchange between Judith and our team was very positive, not only on the field, but off it as well."

The new Dutch master on AstroTurf Field will be freshman midfielder Julie Blaisse, a youth hockey star from Bussum, The Netherlands. According to Shelton, Blaisse is "very much a Judith (Jonckheer)-type player."

The real leadership this season should come from aggressive forward Claire Dougherty, the team captain. The 5-foot-6 senior scored just six goals last season but created innumerable opportunities with her hustling play.

Other key returnees include last year's sweeper Lori Bruney, forward Maryellen Falcone, fullback Tracey Yurgin and Betsy Gillespie, who may play forward this year. Shelton said she plans to move Bruney to the midfield and Yurgin into the sweeper spot.

Ten home games are on tap this season for AstroTurf Field, starting Sept. 7 with a 2 p.m. test against Virginia Commonwealth. But the weekend of Sept. 19-21 promises to be a veritable field hockey fiesta with national powers Iowa and Old Dominion making visits on Friday and Sunday, respectively.

On the road, UNC will travel to Boston for games with New Hampshire and Boston College, to Philadelphia for a battle with Temple and to State College, Pa., to meet Penn State.

Men's soccer yearns for spotlight

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For the last few years, the North Carolina men's soccer team has been overshadowed by the women's team. This year could be the year for them to share the spotlight.

The men's soccer team has every starter from last year's inexperienced

12-8-1 team back this season. In addition to this, they have three freshmen, who will have an immediate impact on the team, according to coach Anson Dorrance.

"I'm very excited about the practice sessions to date, they (the players) have a terrific enthusiasm and commitment," said Dorrance.

Last year, with a freshman goalkeeper, lack of speed in the backfield, and a lack of depth up front, Dorrance was worried about the youth and depth of his team. That should not be a worry this season. He said that the team had improved in all areas since last season. He feels that it will be strongest in midfield positions.

Dorrance said that the key to the midfield was junior David Smyth.

"When he plays well, the team plays well," Dorrance said.

Last season, Smyth was asked to move up front from his midfield position to help compensate for the lack of depth.

"He was willing to sacrifice himself for the team," said Dorrance.

This season, he will be back at the center of a four-man midfield. At this position, Dorrance said that Smyth would be very effective and a great scoring threat.

Three other players that Dorrance is expecting to be important forces of the team are Tommy Nicholson, Frank Gilhooly and Donald Cogsville.

According to Dorrance, Nicholson, a junior, is one of the quickest men in the conference and had a good pre-season, while senior Frank Gilhooly, last year's MVP, is a very exciting, hard-nosed player who will be important to the defense this year.

Cogsville, a junior, was moved from forward to back to help increase the speed of the backfield. Dorrance said that he had done well in training sessions so far.

The goal of the team this season is to get an NCAA bid. They will have to finish at least third in the conference to receive one.



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Tommy Nicholson and UNC will try to improve on their 1985 mark



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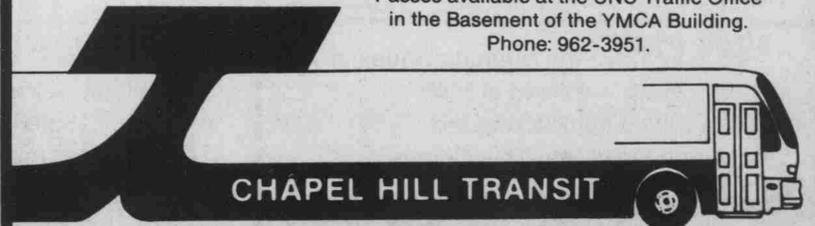
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