

# Baseball

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In left will be junior Todd Nichols, who sat out last season, while Roberts will likely platoon Villani and switch-hitting Brad Woodall in right. Woodall, a sophomore, hit .306 with 23 ribbies as a freshman.

UNC's catcher for the third straight season is Jesse Levis. The 5-9 Philadelphia native started 60 of 61 games last year and showed no sign of wear and tear, hitting .317 with 10 home runs and 37 RBI. In Saturday's loss to The Citadel, Levis cranked his first homer of this season, a two-run shot.

He is a rock behind the plate. But as is the case with Lasorda's Dodgers, it's the UNC pitching staff everyone loves to talk about. Led by a trio of juniors — lefty Michael Hoog and right-handers John Thoden and Jim Dougherty — the

Tar Heel hurlers have the talent and the depth to carry a team to the ACC championship.

"Our pitching is our number one strength," Roberts said. "We look to that to keep us strong every day."

Thoden, who was MVP of the Cape Cod League last summer, has already won his first two starts this season, yielding just eight hits and one run in 13 innings. Last Saturday he tossed a four-hitter at The Citadel.

Hoog, who outdueled Clemson's ace in the ACC Tournament last May, is battling arm problems. He should have won the Rick Mahler Award for durability after a sophomore season in which he pitched a team-leading 109 innings, surrendering 120 hits in the process.

The burly Coloradan went 10-6, setting a team record for wins in the

process.

After that performance, Hoog skipped summer ball and underwent arthroscopic surgery on his shoulder in the offseason, but he apparently still hasn't recovered. Saturday in Charleston, Hoog got bombed for six runs in two innings-plus.

Dougherty went 6-5 last year as the No. 3 man in the rotation. Behind him are Scott Lodgek (5-4, 5.10 ERA) and sophomore Kreg Gresham (2-4, 7.76).

In the bullpen, Roberts has lefty Rich Fernandez (1.80 ERA, seven saves) and converted submariner Chris Cornacchio, who looked great in last week's season opener, coming in with the bases loaded and setting down seven straight Coastal Carolina batters.

# Baseball Schedule

Feb. 28	at UNC-Wilmington	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	at East Carolina	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	SETON HALL	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	SETON HALL	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	SETON HALL	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 7	at UNCC	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	CAMPBELL	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 10	N.C. STATE	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 13-18	Best of the West Tourney	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 13	U.S. International	10:00 a.m.
Mar. 14	Washington State	10:00 a.m.
Mar. 15	Kansas State	TBA
Mar. 16	TBA	TBA
Mar. 17	TBA	TBA
Mar. 18	Championship Round	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 21	TENNESSEE	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 22	TENNESSEE	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 24	GEORGIA TECH	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 25	CLEMSON	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 26	CLEMSON	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 28	PACE	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	PACE	3:00 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Maryland	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Virginia	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 2	at Virginia	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 4	At Duke	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	WINTHROP	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 7	MARYLAND	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 8	MARYLAND	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 9	VIRGINIA	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 11	at Duke	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 12	UNC-WILMINGTON	3:00 / 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 13	COASTAL CAROLINA (DH)	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 15	at N.C. State	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 16	N.C. STATE	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	SOVIET UNION (exh.)	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	DUKE	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 19	WAKE FOREST	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Georgia Tech	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 22	at Georgia Tech	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 23	at Clemson	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 25	WAKE FOREST	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 26	at Wake Forest	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 27	UNCC	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Davidson	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 29	DAVIDSON	7:00 p.m.
May 9	EAST CAROLINA	TBA
May 10	at VCU	TBA
May 13-17	at ACC Tournament	TBA
May 19	CAROLINA INVITATIONAL	TBA

# Softball

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graduated co-captain Pam Long. A junior from Farmington Hills, Mich., Houttekier has been hampered by injuries but should be a solid addition to an already-strong Tar Heel infield.

The second base slot will be filled by either the versatile Finn or junior Vicki Parrott. At shortstop is senior Gina Elmore. Elmore, who has not missed a game in her career, is starting

at shortstop for her third straight year. Third base will be occupied by senior Tracey Beine. Beine, a co-captain from Wilmington, started every game last season in the hot corner.

Leading the outfielding corps is junior Tracey Narwid. Narwid, a Pompton Plains, N.J., native, returns to her spot in center after leading the Tar Heels in triples and slugging percentage. Flanking Narwid will be Theresa Buscemi and Jenny Reed.

Papa thinks the on-the-field trait that will best characterize this year's Tar Heels is an improvement at the plate.

"We're going to be a better hitting team," Papa said. "We have some good long-ball hitters with Lisa McGloin and Michelle Rupp. Our freshman rightfielder, Theresa Buscemi, can hit the long ball and do a lot of other fancy things at the plate. We have a few more options offensively this year."

Buscemi, a speedster from Ronkonkoma, N.Y., will give North Carolina an added dimension — a lefty at the plate, the first southpaw Papa's had in the lineup.

## Softball Roster

Julie O'Shields	4	SS	Fr.	Wilmington
Theresa Buscemi	5	OF	Fr.	Ronkonkoma, N.Y.
Tracy Brower	6	P	So.	Newtown, Pa.
Vicki Parrott	7	2B	Jr.	Greenville
Tracey Narwid	8	OF/C	Jr.	Pompton Plains, N.J.
Sharon Paszt	9	IF	Fr.	Washington, N.C.
Sharon Ross	10	OF/IF	Sr.	Turnersville, N.J.
Gina Elmore	11	SS	Sr.	Forest City
Jenny Reed	12	OF	Jr.	Burnsville
Jena Houttekier	14	1B	Jr.	Farmington Hills, Mich.
Tracey Beine	15	3B	Sr.	Wilmington
Regina Finn	16	P/IF/OF	Sr.	Famsey, N.J.
Michelle Rupp	22	C/IF	Fr.	Herndon, Va.
Maggie Moline	18	P/IF	So.	Wilmette, Ill.
Lisa McGloin	19	C/IF	Fr.	lynn, Mass.
Cara Geary	20	P	Sr.	Needham, Mass.

Head Coach: Donna Papa  
Assistant Coach: Robin Payne

## Softball Schedule

Feb. 20	SOUTH CAROLINA (DH)	2:30 & 4 p.m.
March 4	Furman (DH)	Noon & 4 p.m.
March 8	ST. AUGUSTINE'S (DH)	2:30 & 4 p.m.
March 11	UNCC	2 p.m.
March 12	BOSTON COLLEGE	3:30 p.m.
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March 14	EAST CAROLINA	3:30 p.m.
	at South Florida	6 p.m.
March 15	vs. New Mexico (DH)	1 & 3 p.m.
March 17-19	at Lady Seminole Invitational	TBA
March 22	OHIO UNIVERSITY (DH)	2:30 & 4 p.m.
March 24-25	at South Carolina Invit.	TBA
March 28	at N.C. A&T	2:30 & 4 p.m.
March 31	at Virginia Tournament	TBA
April 1-2	at Virginia Tournament	TBA

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