

SPORTS

Streaking into the record books Maurer's quiet 31-game hitting string sets the pace for UNC

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When North Carolina shortstop Ron Maurer slapped a single to center in the first inning Sunday against Georgia Tech, he had quietly hit safely in his 31st straight game, a school record. His response?

"It was a relief (to break the record), because it's a long streak," the understated senior said. "Things just happened to fall for me. I didn't feel any pressure to break the streak; I just kept swinging."

UNC's Scott Bradley, the previous record-holder, was the last Tar Heel to keep swinging like Maurer has. In 1980, Bradley's 30-game streak helped bring him the ACC Player of the Year award and third-team All-America honors. Now Maurer is chasing the ACC record of 41 games, set by Clemson's Rusty Adkins in 1965-66. But Maurer remains undaunted, choosing to focus on each game.

"It's a long season, and we have to play 60 games," he said. "You're al-

ways trying to get a hit in every one."

But few can hit in as many as Maurer has. This season alone, the Beachwood, N.J., product has seen Clemson's Brian Kowitz' 37-game streak snapped and watched Georgia Tech's Carlton Fleming's 28-game run end Saturday. Maurer tries not to think about them, but, ironically, his streak almost ended right after he realized it existed.

"It was probably the 15th game," Maurer said. "I saw the stat that I had a streak, and the next game I was 0 for 3 going into my last at-bat. Coach (Mike Roberts) gave me the bunt sign, so I figured it was over. I sacrificed, but their third baseman was playing back so I got a hit out of it."

In the streak's 23rd game, Maurer was the beneficiary of a "lucky" bounce on a grounder to short in his last at-bat. Again in game 27, he was 0 for 3 before singling to left in his last chance. But overall, Maurer has stayed away from pressure-packed final at-bats.

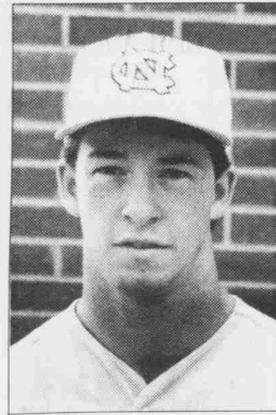
"I've been lucky to get most of my hits early," Maurer said. "It's really helped, because I haven't felt the pressure as much."

Maurer credits Roberts with a small adjustment that helped to kick off the shortstop's hot stretch.

"Coach and I worked on shortening my stride," Maurer said. "I can see the ball better now, and it's helped me stop swinging at so many bad balls."

That little adjustment has skyrocketed Maurer's batting average from .224 31 games ago to .360 today. Well on his way to setting career marks in homers (8) and RBI (43), Maurer has already set career standards in doubles (12) and walks (33), which have helped his .471 on-base percentage. The 6-foot-1, 185-pounder is hitting a scorching .431 in the ACC with a .549 on-base percentage.

It takes a high profile event like his current hitting streak for a consistent player such as Maurer to be recog-



Ron Maurer

nized. But Roberts recognizes him every day by penciling Maurer's name into the starting shortstop slot. Maurer has started 105 of the last 106 games at short and has played every inning of the last 58 games.

"Since my sophomore year, I've really been the only shortstop here," Maurer said. "Early in that year was the last time I was hurt, also. It would be a major adjustment if I was out, and that would hurt the team."

"I'm proud that I can play at the same level day to day."

The reason Maurer is playing at UNC in the first place is that he impressed Roberts enough in high school that the coach made an early recruiting trip to New Jersey.

"Coach Roberts came up the summer after my junior year, which is kind of early," Maurer said. "I was so excited that I said yes immediately. I avoided the hassle, and this place has been a blessing."

Maurer may not have said that after

his freshman season, when he hit only .200. Through summer ball, however, Maurer worked on improving his stroke. And he did — to the tune of a .305 average, 10 homers and 48 RBI his sophomore year. Named second-team All-ACC during the season, he also grabbed a spot on the All-ACC Tournament team.

"It surprised me," Maurer said. "I moved from a backup third baseman to the starting shortstop in one year."

But Maurer's offensive success did not continue. Like most of last year's team, his bat went into hibernation. His average dipped to .266 and his power numbers were cut in half (5 HR, 24 RBI).

"Coach's offensive system wasn't working last year," Maurer said. "It never worked with us, and no one liked it. We had to suffer through a long season offensively and hope our pitching and defense could carry us."

Maurer did get hot down the stretch, hitting .333 over his last 13 games. That pushed his ACC average to a team-leading .328, good enough for second-team All-ACC again. He also set the UNC single-season assist record, breaking his own 1988 record. In the NCAA tournament, Maurer hit .381 in seven games and was named to the all-tournament team at the South Regional.

The Tar Heels, now 36-10, will have to win several big games this weekend against N.C. State to hold on to the conference lead. They are currently tied with the Wolfpack at 14-4. But again, Maurer downplays the excitement.

"It's just for seedings in the (ACC) tournament," he said. "It's not a big deal, because we can still turn around and win the tournament."

While the rest of the baseball team looks to the ACC Tournament, Maurer is also looking forward to pro baseball.

"My goal is to get drafted and to play somewhere," he said. "I'm willing to go anywhere and do anything to play."

Date	Opponent	AB	H	AVG	Remarks
1. 3/14	at Tenn.	3	2	.250	2b, 1 R, 4 RBI
2. 3/15	CONN.	2	1	.259	1 R, 2 BB
3. 3/16	CONN.	4	1	.259	
4. 3/16	RIDER	3	1	.262	1 R, RBI, BB, HBP
5. 3/18	RIDER	2	2	.286	2 R, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB
6. 3/18	RIDER	3	1	.288	3 R, 2 RBI, 2 BB
7. 3/20	VCU	5	2	.296	2 R, HR, 2 RBI
8. 3/21	HARTFORD	3	1	.297	2 R, BB, SB
9. 3/22	HARTFORD	5	2	.304	1 R, 2B, 3 RBI
10. 3/23	MARYLAND	5	3	.321	2 R, HR, 3 RBI
11. 3/24	MARYLAND	3	2	.333	2 R, 2b, BB
12. 3/25	MARYLAND	2	2	.348	1 R, RBI, BB
13. 3/28	at Camp.	4	1	.344	RBI
14. 3/30	at W. Forest	4	1	.340	2b
15. 3/31	W. FOREST	3	2	.350	1 R, 2b, RBI, BB
16. 4/1	at W. For.	4	1	.346	BB
17. 4/3	at ECU	4	2	.352	1 R, 2b, HR, RBI
18. 4/4	at David.	5	1	.345	
19. 4/6	CLEMSON	4	2	.350	2 R, HR, RBI
20. 4/7	CLEMSON	3	1	.350	1 R, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB
21. 4/8	CLEMSON	4	2	.355	1 R, HR, 3 RBI, BB
22. 4/10	at UNC-C	3	2	.362	2b, 2 RBI, BB
23. 4/11	ECU	5	1	.356	
24. 4/13	at UVa	4	3	.368	4 R, HR, 2 RBI, BB
25. 4/14	at UVa	4	1	.364	1 R, 2b, RBI
26. 4/15	at UVa	3	2	.371	2 RBI, BB
27. 4/17	at UNC-W	3	1	.370	1 R, BB
28. 4/18	DAVIDSON	4	1	.367	1 R, 2b
29. 4/20	at G. Tech	5	1	.361	1 R
30. 4/21	at G. Tech	3	1	.361	1 R, BB
31. 4/22	at G. Tech	6	2	.360	BB

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James Cheri Alston (Raleigh, NC) For leading the effort to establish the Pre-Orientation Campus Exchange, a bicultural program seeking to promote racial understanding and appreciation among entering freshmen. This implementation of a dialogue activity between minority and non-minority freshmen students brought a discussion of the similarities and differences of many cultures. As Campus Coordinator for the Black Student Movement, James has pursued with vigor the improvement of race relations among students and increases in minority enrollment at UNC. She has been instrumental in coordinating efforts of faculty, staff and students toward improving racial and cultural environments in the UNC community.

Alexander Burton Guettel (New York, NY) For his outstanding and lasting contributions to the student environmental movement at the University of North Carolina. Serving as co-chair of the Student Environmental Action Coalition during the Threshold conference this fall, Alec has presided over SEAC's explosive growth. The Campus Y committee now contains seven committees and involves more than two hundred students. As a facilitator and leader he has provided a moderating force in what has become one of the most active groups on campus.

Kristin Lynn Breuss (Nashville, TN) For her dedication to the UNC tutoring program. As chairperson, Kristin took on the task of managing the fledgling program involving a handful of students and even fewer tutors. Her excellence in personal relations and her persistent efforts have expanded the program to one aiding hundreds of Carolina students. Kristin's hard work has enhanced the quality of the University's educational mission through personal, student-to-student interaction.

Lisa Lanette Frye (Conover, NC) For her excellence as the president of the Carolina Athletic Association. During her term, Lisa has been influential in the development of the Student Recreational Center. Her consistent interest in seeking student involvement in this project sets a model for how to plan, place, and build facilities on the UNC campus. Lisa has shown great dedication in the enhancement of the Homecoming celebration which continued to bring closer together the University and the Town of Chapel Hill through an elaborate schedule of events.

William David Brien Lewis (Toronto, Canada) For his outstanding service to the University in the role of Student Body President. Brien has worked throughout his term to address issues directly related to students and to make student government more accessible to students. His work includes the Tuition Defense Initiative, the creation of the Financial Aid task Force, and the representation of student concerns with respect to campus planning and development. His organization of an executive cabinet has streamlined the efforts and effectiveness of student government, feats accomplished with the highest integrity.

Lee Winston Latimer (Chapel Hill, NC) For her outstanding contributions to race relations at the University of North Carolina. Co-chairing Students for the Advancement of Race Relations, Lee worked to bring attention to the varied aspects of race relations on campus. Lee also coordinated the first Race Relations Week at UNC, bringing awareness of racial problems into the campus limelight with activities ranging from cross-cultural entertainment to workshops for students and student leaders.

James Elliott Langman (Charlotte, NC) For his outstanding and lasting contributions to the student environmental movement at UNC and throughout the nation. Jimmy coordinated the first ever national student environmental conference, called Threshold, attended by nearly seventeen hundred persons from across the country. He brought internationally recognized leaders of the environmental movement to Chapel Hill and scores of local activists to lead small group discussions. This massive undertaking has launched the national student environmental movement and ignited the emergence of environmental committees around the nation.

Ruth Tappan Dowling (Providence, RI) For her excellence in enhancing the University's oldest and most revered institution, our honor system. As the chairperson of the Undergraduate Honor Court, Ruth has distinguished herself from predecessors by assisting in vigorous efforts to educate the campus of the Honor Code and of several new amendments regarding sexual and racial harassment. Further, by creating the Faculty Advocates Program, Ruth has initiated an ambitious effort to infuse in the faculty a renewed respect for student self-governance in administering the Honor Code. And in January of this year, Ruth co-pressed at the Fourth National Conference on Campus Violence at Towson State University in Baltimore.

Catherine Claire Crum (Orange Park, FL) For her dedication to the ideals of social understanding within the University community. Katy was keenly aware of the need to involve minorities in the Big Buddy Program to provide role models for Chapel Hill youth. She has personally distinguished herself in her work with the Murdoch Center, and in co-founding the Child Abuse Prevention Program. Her strength of character has benefited hundreds of individuals in the pursuit of decency in human relations. Katy's education and encouragement of other students at the University in this area has been outstanding.

Joseph Michael Loughran, III (Charleston, SC) For his commitment and founding of the Student Homeless Outreach Coalition. Trey has also demonstrated outstanding leadership by serving as the first student liaison to the Chapel Hill Town Council and as an executive assistant to two student body presidents. With SHOC, Trey has been successful with student-led initiatives to provide facilities for the homeless in Chapel Hill and in leading scores of people in raising awareness of the issue. His strong efforts have helped him improve the quality of student life at UNC in a multitude of areas of University and community.

Donald Andrews Whittier (Chapel Hill, NC) For his outstanding contributions to the awareness of environmental issues on the University and national levels. As a founder of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, Donald played a major role in the initiation of a national network and the formulation of the idea of the Threshold Conference. Donald's dedication to the education and involvement of interested students in the Student Environmental Action Coalition has dramatically increased the awareness of others on campus to issues facing the world.

Bethany Evelyn Chaney (Chapel Hill, NC) For her contribution in increasing awareness of students and others regarding world affairs, from social justice to human rights. In chairing the Great Decisions program, she expanded the program and initiated discussion groups. As Human Rights Week co-chair, her efforts provided a myriad of opportunities for education and participation in issues of rights abuses from Chapel Hill to the other side of the world. Bethany's dedication to the Teach For America program offered interested students an opportunity to teach in poverty stricken areas for two years after graduation. Her overall commitment to University awareness of different aspects of our world has been unrivaled.

Christopher John DiGiano (Chapel Hill, NC) For his selfless commitment to the administration of local non-profit agencies. Chris has made operations more efficient both at the Campus Y and the Inter-Faith Council. Under Chris's initiative, two new computers have been installed and made accessible at the Y. He has consistently provided support for the systems by obtaining and installing donated software, used by all thirty-four committees. Chris has volunteered at the Inter-Faith Council to program and installed a data-base system for keeping track of hundreds of volunteers. Chris's system is the first of its kind at the IFC, reducing the

arrival at UNC, and his contributions will continue to enhance cultural understanding at the University when he leaves.

James Blanding Holman, IV (Columbia, SC) For his service in the environmental movement at the University of North Carolina and throughout the nation. Co-chairing the Student Environmental Action Coalition soon after its inception two years ago, he led the group through a time of phenomenal growth in involvement and activities ranging from the recycling program to the massive success of the Threshold conference in the fall. He is currently serving as the only student on the national Earth Day 1990 Board of Directors and is working with the national SEAC network to coordinate hundreds of other college campuses in launching environmental actions throughout the country.

James A. Bryan (Chapel Hill, NC) For his compassionate and extraordinary commitment to the duty and spirit of the medical profession. Beloved by students, James has been awarded "The Professor" teaching award numerous times by the senior class at the medical school. He has been wholly devoted to the welfare of his patients and the Chapel Hill community, both as personal physician at NC Memorial, medical director of the Triangle Hospice, and attending physician at Carol Woods and Hillhaven. James is a nationally and internationally recognized model and advocate of humane medical care. In 1987 James was awarded the University system's prestigious O. Max Gardner Award, recognizing the individual who has contributed the most to the welfare of mankind.

Gerald Lynn Featherstone (Chapel Hill, NC) For outstanding and lasting contributions to club sports at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Acting as advisor and coach for the club football team since 1972, he has provided guidance to the group through years of challenges ranging from funding and use of facilities to more recent developments with insurance and liability. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Sports Club Council in 1978 and served in an advisory capacity until the full time position of Director of Club Sports was created two years ago. He has been an advocate of student involvement in sports and sports leadership for nearly two decades.

Thomas J. Meyer (Chapel Hill, NC) For working in a private-public partnership with Glaxo Corporation, he sets an example for the rest of the nation to follow. The new materials and facilities provided in the partnership are sure to last for many years to come. More important, however, is the information and idea sharing that is now taking place because of this exchange. He has consistently been on the cutting edge in his field of Inorganic Chemistry, and has been recently recognized by his peers with the 1989 American Chemical Society's Award for Inorganic Chemistry. His attention to student needs is also exemplary. Because he saw that students have a need for such a curriculum, T.J. is instituting a new course series in Polymer Chemistry.

Herbert D. Paul (Chapel Hill, NC) For his consistent dedication to enhancing the lives of more than one thousand University employees. Herbert has exhibited outstanding humanitarian concern in his vital role in initiating a learning program for the Physical Plant employees. Herbert is also the director of the Physical Plant, the University's largest department; a capacity in which he has shown uncommon leadership and compassion in facilitating the education of persons who otherwise would likely never have the opportunity.

Judith A. Hines (Bernardsville, NJ) For her dedication to human service and social work. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Judith has devoted her life to insuring that the less fortunate and victimized in our communities receive the attention and care they deserve. She is currently the Director of Evaluation and Development for the Council on Accreditation of Services to Families and Children, a national non-profit organization accrediting more than six hundred social service and mental health organizations in the U.S. and Canada. As a result of her efforts, the needs of hundreds of thousands of people are met each day.

Tracey Marie Bates (Dallas, TX) Considered the heart of the UNC soccer dynasty that has won eight out of nine national championships. This 4'11" dynamo of positive energy led the 1989 Tar Heels to their fourth national championship in a row. All-ACC, All-South, and All-American. This U.S. women's national team member was the NCAA's Most Valuable Defensive player her senior year, following a coming back from two crippling injuries that had sidelined her for the most of two seasons. This exemplary scholar-athlete graduates with a legacy of leadership, scholarship, and athleticism that will not be duplicated.

Timothy Quaid Karcher (Chapel Hill, NC) To the department of Dramatic Art, Tim has been instrumental in revitalizing the Undergraduate Student Association within the department. Tim has been elected by his peers as a faculty representative and served as an active participant with the Playmakers Repertory Company. As an actor and technician, Tim has distinguished himself personally and professionally through his efforts to improve the quality of education within the Department of Dramatic Art. His efforts have significantly contributed to the rich tradition of diversity and excellence at Carolina as a liberal arts University.

Angela Ann Ards (Dallas, TX) For her initiative and leadership in establishing a campus chapter of the National Collegiate Black Caucus, and for her work with the Black Cultural Center. Ann represented UNC at the National Caucus and was elected Secretary of the National organization, further strengthening UNC's involvement in national leadership positions. She has consistently served as a motivator and ambassador for the Black Cultural Center, broadening its scope and impact through programming innovations during the BCC's formative years.

Stephen Luke Largess (Chapel Hill, NC) For his vision and initiative in recognizing the needs of law students who wish to serve the public after graduation. Planning, organizing and implementing a state-wide loan forgiveness program, Luke has opened new doors to law students, strengthening the legal profession's involvement in the public sector and clients normally served by it. By personal example, Luke has encouraged others to contribute unselfishly to this and other pro bono projects.

Fitzgerald C. A. W. Edwards (Chapel Hill, NC) For his unwavering commitment to racial harmony and intercultural understanding. As co-creator of the UNITAS II multicultural program and chairperson of UNITAS, Jerry has dedicated himself to educating and challenging the University community as to the importance of positive racial and cultural interaction. Jerry's success in promoting such interaction has been continuous since his



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The Order of the Golden Fleece is the University's oldest and highest honorary organization. Founded in 1903, the Golden Fleece recognizes those individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to the University.

On Friday, March 30th, twenty-five members of the University community were inducted into the Golden Fleece. They bear the mark of distinction, persons whose high achievements and character have enhanced the life of all members of the University community.

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