

# Snyder K's Winthrop, Earns Win

Behind pitcher Kyle Snyder's 10 strikeouts, the Tar Heels moved to 7-0 in their best start since the 1942 season.

By JOE DISNEY  
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Despite Thursday's frigid temperatures and freezing rain, North Carolina's Kyle Snyder was on fire.

In UNC's 7-5 victory against Winthrop, the junior pitcher went six innings to earn the Tar Heels their seventh win in a row. This undefeated start marks the best opening to a season since 1942 when UNC went 9-0.

In the process, Snyder tallied 10 strikeouts, four walks, five hits and two earned runs to push his season record to 3-0.

"I thought overall it was good, considering the conditions," Snyder said of his outing. "Everybody played pretty well behind me, and Dan (Moyle) caught a great game."

Even with Snyder's performance, the victory didn't come easily, although the afternoon started out looking like a blowout.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the third inning, left fielder Tyrrell Godwin continued his sizzling start as he lined a triple over the center fielder's head, scoring all three runs.

After two outs in the next inning, the scoring continued. Moyle started off with a solo home run to right, his second of the year.

The Tar Heels added two more runs in the inning on an Eagle error and a single to center by senior Jarrett Shearin.

Trailing 7-0 in the sixth inning, Winthrop (6-2) rallied and scored four runs on a bases-loaded double and a throwing error by Tar Heel second baseman Chris LaMarsh.

After Winthrop added another run and loaded the bases again, UNC coach Mike Fox brought in reliever Derrick DePriest, who extinguished the Eagle rally by inducing a groundout to shortstop.

DePriest earned his first save of the year, working 2 1/3 innings and collecting two strikeouts.

"I was pleased that we hung in there," Fox said. "I was pleased to get the win."

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# UNC Looks for 5th Crown in 6 Tries

UNC's women's basketball team will play Georgia Tech at 3 p.m. Saturday in the ACC Tournament's first round.

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North Carolina's women's basketball team enters play at this weekend's ACC Tournament as the No. 3 seed, but the Tar Heels are still the team to beat in Charlotte.

UNC (24-6, 11-5 in the ACC) has won four of the past five ACC Tournament championships and took the title last year as the fourth seed.

Because of those facts, the Tar Heels believe the other league teams are gunning for them in this year's tournament, which will begin today and conclude Monday at Independence Arena.

"There's going to be a lot of emotion flying, as far as before the games and preparing for it," said sophomore forward Jackie Higgins, who will take part in her first ACC Tournament. "By us winning four of the last five, I think everybody is going to see us as their main rival."

"It's a lot of pressure, but we can handle it."

Along with four other UNC seniors, starting guard/forward Chanel Wright is heading to the ACC Tournament for the fourth time in her career.

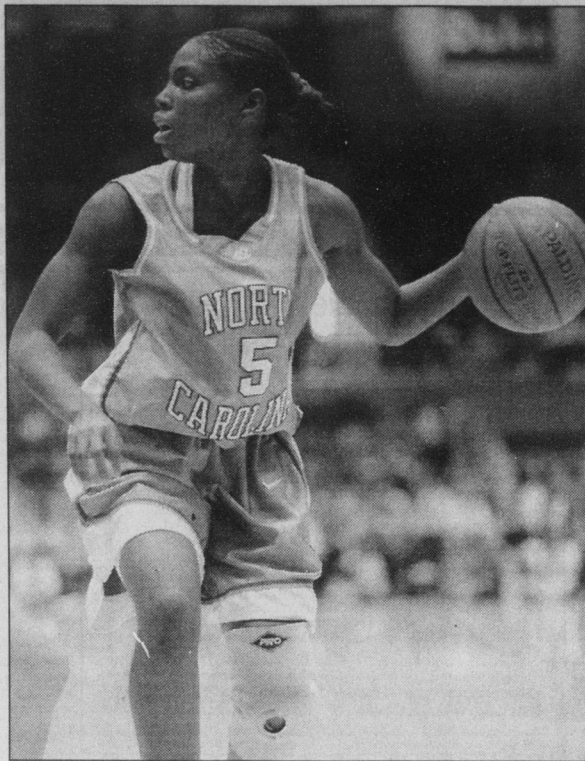
Wright said the reason for UNC's success in postseason league play is the team's attitude and determination to advance round after round.

"I think we just look at it as a new season," said Wright, who averages 13.5 points per game. "I know from my freshman year, I had to sit there and watch Clemson and all the other teams play because we lost the first game, and it wasn't a pretty experience."

Wright hasn't had to endure that agony since UNC's 67-49 first-round loss to the Tigers in 1996. UNC's opening-round opponent this year is Georgia Tech, which split the 1998-99 season series with Tar Heels.

UNC's game against Tech will tip off at 6 p.m. Saturday. Should the Tar Heels win, they'll play at 3:30 p.m. Sunday against the winner of the game between No. 2 Virginia and either No. 7 Maryland or No. 8 Wake Forest.

The sixth-seeded Yellow Jackets (13-13, 6-10) limp into the tournament with abounding illnesses and injuries.



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Guard/forward Chanel Wright and the Tar Heels will be gunning for their third-consecutive ACC Tournament title in Charlotte this weekend.

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## Women's ACC Basketball Tournament



24 game without starting shooting guard Juana Brown.

Tate is Georgia Tech's leading rebounder, averaging 8.8 per game.

Despite her team's sudden lack of good health and yearlong lack of experience, Georgia Tech coach Agnus Berenato expects a good effort.

"They're not afraid," Berenato said of her young players. "They're not intimidated by anybody, and they won't be intimidated come Saturday night. They just go in and play. Even if they're not healthy, they still play."

### All-ACC Teams Announced

UNC sophomore point guard Nikki Teasley was voted to the All-ACC second team, as announced by the league Wednesday, narrowly missing out on a spot on the first squad.

The All-ACC first team consisted of centers Michele VanGorp of Duke, DeMya Walker of Virginia, Summer Erb of N.C. State, and guards Ito Umoh and Amy Geren of Clemson.

Teasley, who is averaging 15.5 points per game, set a new school record for assists in a season and became the first player since Virginia's Dawn Staley in 1992 to lead the ACC in both assists (176) and steals (81) in the same year.

She joined Butler, guard Tynesha Lewis of N.C. State, and guards Nicole Erickson and Hilary Howard of Duke on the second team.

UNC sophomore forward LaQuanda Barksdale and Brown made the third team, and Wright was an honorable mention selection.

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