

# Bersticker Undergoes Operation

Forward Brian Bersticker had surgery on his left foot for the second time since injuring it in December.

From Staff Reports

North Carolina forward Brian Bersticker underwent surgery Monday to repair a re-fracture of his fifth left metatarsal. The Virginia Beach, Va., native suffered the original fracture in UNC's win against the College of Charleston on December 3rd and had surgery three days later.

## UNC ROUNDUP

He returned to practice in early February on a limited basis, but felt pain in the same area a week later. X-rays at the time did not show a second fracture, but last week team doctors discovered a slight break and opted for surgery.

"The surgery went as planned and was successful," said athletic trainer Marc Davis. "Brian should be able to fully return to competition next season."

## Forte Scores Another Award

For Joseph Forte, this is becoming a weekly occurrence. The North Carolina guard was named ACC Freshman of the Week on Monday, marking the second consecutive week and fourth time this season that Forte has won the honor.

Forte, UNC's leading scorer at 16.5 points per game, paced the team in scoring in both games last week. He had 19 points in UNC's victory against Georgia Tech and 24 in a loss at Duke.

## Thompson Grabs National Honor

North Carolina's Kellie Thompson, who scored eight goals in two weekend victories for the Tar Heels, was named the National Women's Player of the Week by Inside Lacrosse on Monday.

The sophomore had four goals, including the game-winner, in Friday's 14-6 victory against Johns Hopkins. Thompson also scored four goals and had two assists in Sunday's four-overtime win against top-ranked Maryland.

## Baseball Team Continues Climb

North Carolina's baseball team moved to No. 2 in Collegiate Baseball's poll, the highest ranking ever for the team. Florida State is No. 1.

UNC (16-0) hosts Western Carolina today at 3 p.m.

# Football Opens Spring With Uncertainties

By T. NOLAN HAYES

Sports Editor

Running back was a position of question marks in 1999 for the North Carolina football team.

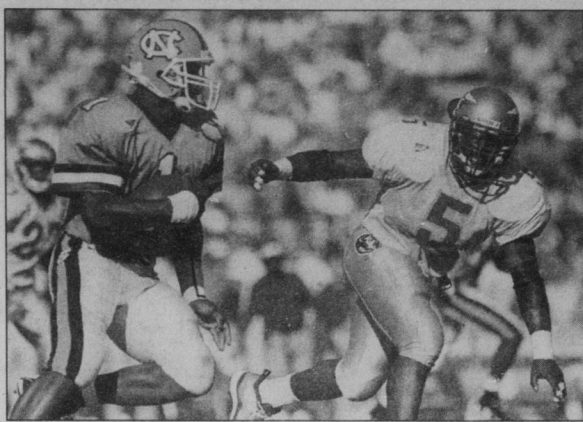
Thus far, the Year 2000 has provided few answers.

Coach Carl Torbush said Monday at the conclusion of the team's first spring practice session that running backs Dominique Williams and Daniel Davis would not take part in UNC's two-week schedule of workouts.

"Right now, Dominique Williams and Daniel Davis, neither one will participate in spring practice at this point," Torbush said. "They will be concentrating on their academic requirements. Along with that, Daniel Davis, we feel like it's very important right now that he understands what we expect out of our student-athletes here at Carolina."

Davis served three days in jail in his home state of Virginia in February after he repeatedly failed to appear in court for minor traffic violations. He was sentenced to 50 hours of community service and is being required by Torbush to serve 50 more in Chapel Hill.

Junior tailback Rufus Brown will also miss time this spring. Brown had shoulder surgery and wore a red jersey Monday as he participated in limited



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UNC quarterback Ronald Curry, who ruptured his Achilles tendon Oct. 9, saw limited action in passing drills in Monday's practice.

stretching drills.

The absences open the door for 5-foot-11, 190-pound Willie Parker, a redshirt freshman who impressed coaches during the preseason last year.

"There's no doubt that the one guy who we really want to see what he can do this spring is Willie Parker," Torbush

said. "He's a guy who we almost played last year but we wanted to keep red-shirted so he would have four years left. We're excited to see what he can do."

## Curry Continues Rehab

Quarterback Ronald Curry, sporting a red jersey, attended practice for its dura-

tion and participated when possible.

Curry, who ruptured his left Achilles tendon against Georgia Tech in the fifth game last year, played catch with fellow QB Luke Huard from 10, 15 and 20 yards at the start of practice. He also threw some drop-back passes to wide receivers.

Curry limped when jogging but walked around almost normally and bounced on his toes at times during the afternoon. Torbush said his quarterback was a month and a half ahead of schedule on his rehabilitation, but Curry said he wasn't rushing.

"I'm supposed to be full strength April 10th, but they're not going to have me doing a lot of things," Curry said. "Even if I feel full strength, I'm still going to be limited in the things I do. They don't want me to be full strength

in April and then come June, my Achilles is fatigued."

## More Backfield Motion

Rising senior Dauntae' Finger, who has spent his career as a tight end, is working out at fullback in spring drills.

"I feel good about it," said Finger, who is listed at 6-3, 260 pounds. "It'll give me more of a chance to play, and I may get to catch some passes."

"And all these people are looking at you in the backfield, and you look good back there, so it's a good opportunity."

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