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Freshman center fielder Adam Greenberg celebrates after his solo home run in the third inning of UNC's 11-5 victory against Davidson at Boshamer Stadium. Greenberg went 2-for-5 at the plate and knocked in two runs.

Duo Lead Tar Heels to Another 'W'

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In the grand scheme of the 2000 season, a win against Davidson won't matter that much for the North Carolina baseball team.

For Ryan Earey and Eric Henderson, it meant a lot.

Although the 11-5 victory Wednesday night at Boshamer Stadium will appear as just another 'W' in the win column, Earey and Henderson used the game to come out of their slumps.

Earey, the UNC designated hitter, went 1-for-9 in the weekend series against Clemson.

"I really wanted to watch some pitches all the way in," Earey said. "I thought I did that for a couple of at bats tonight. Finally, I saw a pitch I could hit and hit it."

He must have seen something he really liked in the seventh inning when he went deep for a three-run homer, his ninth of the year.

The blast over the left-field wall pro-

duced the last three runs of the game and ended the Wildcats' (19-17) hopes for a comeback.

"With the last at bat, hopefully that sparked him a little bit, which is what he needed," UNC coach Mike Fox said.

UNC pitcher Henderson also gained confidence from a strong outing Wednesday night.

In his previous three decisions, Henderson was winless, including a loss to Clemson last Saturday.

After starter Scott Autrey came out of the game in the fifth inning, Henderson went on to pitch 2 1/3 innings of hitless ball to earn his fifth win of the season.

"The win definitely helps, but more important were the innings," Henderson said. "I changed my focus a little bit. I was trying to be too fine and getting ahead of the hitters. That always helps out."

Henderson also struck out four of the seven Wildcats he faced.

UNC shortstop Clay Hooper got the Tar Heels (28-6) on the board first with a single to left field that scored right fielder Dan Moylan.

Davidson then answered with two runs of its own in the top half of the second inning with a two-run homer by

right fielder Ryan Stroker.

UNC, not to be outdone on its home turf, scored two more in the bottom of the second to regain the lead.

The first run came off a lead-off home run by freshman Adam Greenberg. The next came off a sacrifice fly by Tyrell Godwin.

Both Greenberg and Godwin recorded triples in the game. Greenberg's three-bagger in the sixth inning drove in the eventual game winner, in the person of Russ Adams.

The win gives the Tar Heels an added boost as they head into a weekend series with Wake Forest in Winston-Salem.

"I was pleased with our effort," Fox said. "I thought we played hard."

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Pitching: Davidson - Wells, Hood (6), Joiner (7), Ramirez (7) and Mannix; UNC - Autrey, Henderson (5), Turner (6), Sheffield (3) and McCay, Shanon (8). Leading hitters: Davidson - Stroker 1-3 (HR, 2 RBI), London 1-4 (2B, RBI); UNC - Greenberg 2-5 (3B, HR, 2 RBI), Moylan 2-4 (2B, 2 runs), Hooper 2-4 (RBI, 2 runs), Earey 1-4 (HR, 3 RBI), Godwin 1-3 (3B, 2 RBI).

UNC's McHugh No-Hits 49ers

The North Carolina softball team, with the help of a first-game no-hitter by Radara McHugh, picked up a pair of victories on the road against UNC-Charlotte on Wednesday.

McHugh, who improved to 15-4 on the season, struck out five batters and allowed one walk as the Tar Heels defeated the 49ers 8-0 in five innings.

UNC (33-13) captured a 1-0 win in the second game behind Crystal

Henderson's home run in the fifth inning. Freshman Michael Parrott got the second-game victory and improved to 9-4 on the season. McHugh also pitched the final inning of the second game and struck out two batters.

Time Set for Blue-White Scrimmage

North Carolina's annual spring Blue-White Football Scrimmage is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, at 3:30 p.m. at Kenan Stadium. There is no admission charge for the event, although fans are encouraged to bring canned goods to

support the North Carolina Food Bank. Gates 2, 5, 6 and 7 will open to the public at 2:30 p.m., and there will be canned good collection bins at each entrance.

Tar Heels Move Up Rankings Again

The North Carolina men's tennis team has cracked the top 20 of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

The 19th-ranked Tar Heels, who have won nine consecutive dual matches, have not been ranked this high since the 1996 squad finished the season 16th.

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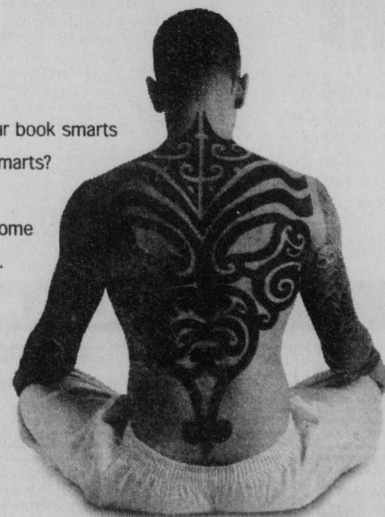
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