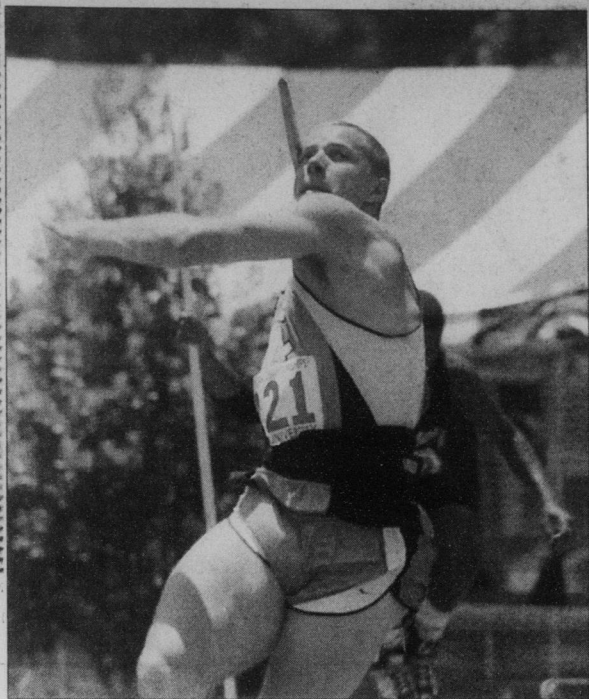


# Celsius' Javelin Throw Makes Tar Heel History



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Kestutis Celisius' throw of 234 feet, 4 inches placed him third at the NCAA Championships, the best-ever finish in the event by a Tar Heel.

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Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Javelin thrower Kestutis Celisius wasn't totally pleased with his effort Thursday at the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Wallace Wade Stadium.

"I knew that it was a good throw, but talking about technique, it was just so-so," the junior from Lithuania said.

Even with that so-so technique, Celisius' throw of 234 feet, 4 inches earned him a third-place finish. It marked the highest ever finish for a Tar Heel in the men's javelin and ranked as the highest individual finish of any UNC athlete at the meet.

North Carolina coach Dennis Craddock called Celisius' performance impressive.

"Anytime you place in the top eight, you've done a great job," he said. "So that third place for him was really, really good."

Celisius scored the only points for the men's team, as Jeff Ellis, the other Tar Heel competitor, finished 17th in the 400-meter hurdles. The men finished in a tie for 36th place in the team competition.

On the women's side, the Tar Heels top performance came from high-jumper Joy Ganes.

Ganes, a five-time All-America selection and this year's ACC champion, finished fifth in the women's high jump with a 5-11 leap.

"It's a little bit bitter-sweet because I did place better than I ever have at nationals, but I really wanted to jump 1.84 (meters)," she said.

A jump of that height would have topped her career high of 6-0 by a half inch.

"I had it on my first two attempts, but it just didn't come together."

Even though Ganes' jump did not match her personal best, she did come away with a good feeling about her results.

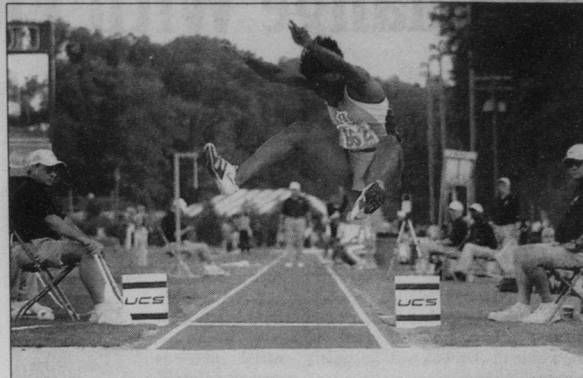
"It helped me get some confidence back that I was lacking," she said. "It helped me get my steps and my form right and let me know that I can rise to the occasion sometimes during competition."

DeAnne Davis added to the UNC women's score with her performance in the triple jump. Davis garnered All-American status and seventh place by tying her career best with a jump of 43-3.

Six other women competed for the Tar Heels. Heather Tanner finished 10th in the 10,000 meters. Ola Sesay, the ACC champion in the long jump, tied for 11th in the event. Jill Pedretti had the 14th-best throw in the discus.

Sprinter Lutisha Shittu finished 14th in the 100-meter high hurdles. Trish Nervo placed 15th in the 5,000 meters while Beth George was 18th in the 1,500 meters.

Only the top eight performers in each event scored points. The Tar Heels simply didn't have enough scorers to make



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Ola Sesay, an All-American transfer from Kentucky, had high hopes for the championships, but tied for 11th in the long jump at 20-3 1/2.

a run in the competition. The result was a 38th-place tie for the UNC women.

Sesay entered the meet as one of the Tar Heels' best chances to score. Coach Craddock said Sesay, a junior All-American who transferred from Kentucky, came in with high expectations.

"Both she and I thought she had a chance to win," Craddock said. "She had jumped just as good as anybody."

"She just couldn't get it together. She kept dropping her foot on her landing, and you can't do that in this kind of competition and win."

Craddock said some of his athletes were a bit jittery at the event, which could have hindered their performances.

"Deep inside you hope that they can pull out some great performance because of the emotion," Craddock said.

"But it can go the other way. They can get a little too nervous, a little too uptight, because it is the national championships."

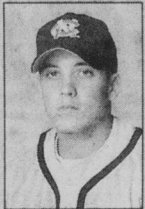
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## Going, Going, Gone?

Seven UNC players were selected Monday in baseball's first-year player draft. The five juniors must choose between signing a pro contract or returning for their final year of eligibility.



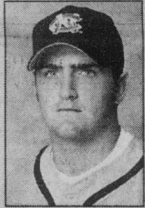
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Junior outfielder  
Selected by Texas Rangers  
First round, 35th overall  
2000 stats: .363, 11 HR, 67 RBI



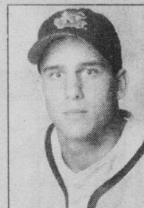
**Ryan Snare**  
Junior lefthanded pitcher  
Selected by Cincinnati Reds  
Second round, 63rd overall  
2000 stats: 10-1, 3.14 ERA



**Eric Henderson**  
Junior lefthanded pitcher  
Selected by Milwaukee Brewers  
Third round, 111th overall  
2000 stats: 6-6, 4.32 ERA



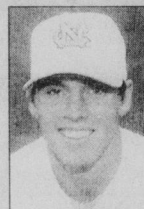
**Ryan Earey**  
Junior righthanded pitcher  
Selected by San Diego Padres  
Sixth round, 169th overall  
2000 stats: 4-3, 3.92 ERA



**Dan Moylan**  
Junior catcher  
Selected by St. Louis Cardinals  
Eighth round, 233rd overall  
2000 stats: .323, 4 HR, 47 RBI



**Derrick DePriest**  
Senior righthanded pitcher  
Selected by Montreal Expos  
17th round, 495th overall  
2000 stats: 2.89 ERA, 12 saves



**Chris Elmore**  
Senior lefthanded pitcher  
Selected by Boston Red Sox  
17th round, 512th overall  
2000 stats: 9-1, 4.12 ERA

## Tar Heels Finish in 10th Place At Men's Golf Championships

Staff Report

The North Carolina men's golf team captured a 295 on Saturday in the final round of the NCAA Championships for a 1,143 total, good enough for a 10th-place finish.

Brad Hyler and Max Harris led the Tar Heels in the four-round tournament. Hyler tied for the 13th-best individual score with a seven-under 281. Harris shot a 283 to tie for 20th.

Harris, a senior from Worthing, England, was named a second-team All-American on Monday by the Ping/Golf Coaches Association of America. Hyler, a senior from Raleigh, received honorable mention recognition.

Third-ranked Oklahoma State captured the team title at the championships, which were held at Grand National Lake Course in Opelika, Ala.

The Cowboys defeated top-ranked Georgia Tech on the first hole of a sudden death playoff after tying the Yellow Jackets with a 1,116 at the end of regulation play.



North Carolina senior **Brad Hyler** tied for 13th place by shooting a seven-under par 281 in Alabama.

Arizona (1,118), Houston (1,122) and Texas (1,125) rounded out the top-five on the par-72, 7,003-yard course. UNLV (1,131), Clemson (1,133), Northwestern (1,139) and Kent (1,141) finished sixth through ninth in front of UNC.

Wake Forest had a 15th-place finish at 1,169 behind Texas Christian (1,146), Minnesota (1,149), Fresno State (1,154) and Auburn (1,161).

Oklahoma State's Charles Howell captured the individual title by eight strokes with a 265 score.

North Carolina's Rob Simmons' 291 tied him for 53rd individually, and fellow Tar Heel Paul Daniel finished tied for 60th with a 292. Teammate Whitten Meares finished 82nd with a 307.



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Max Harris tied for 20th at the championships with a 283 mark.

## Parker's Parents Say He's Eligible to Play

Associated Press

The parents of prep basketball star Jason Parker ended months of speculation Friday by announcing their son will attend North Carolina in the fall.

The 6-foot-9, 255-pound Parker was one of the nation's top recruits in 1999 and signed with the Tar Heels, but didn't qualify academically and decided to attend Fork Union Military Academy, a prep school in Virginia.

Parker's parents, Jesse and Mabel Parker, released a statement through West Charlotte High School coach Gosnell White saying their son had scored high enough on his recent Scholastic Aptitude Test to qualify.

"We are very proud of Jason. He had a great year at Fork Union, both academi-

cally and on the basketball court," his parents said. "He worked very hard to prepare himself for college life."

"As a matter of principle we tried to maintain Jason's privacy when it came to his admission test scores and academic records. Those are personal issues and it is unfortunate they have become such a matter of public record simply because Jason is also a talented athlete. Jason scored



The parents of **Jason Parker** said he is academically eligible to play basketball at UNC next year.

more than sufficiently on the SAT."

Student privacy laws prevent the release of Parker's SAT score.

UNC coach Bill Guthridge said he was glad to be adding a physical specimen like Parker to a frontcourt that already boasts beefy bodies in 7-foot center Brendan Haywood and 6-foot-8 power forward Julius Peppers.

"He has rebuilt his body," Guthridge said. "If everybody could go to a place like Fork Union before they went to college it would be great."

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