

# TURNING AWAY FROM THE

*"Power is going to be the thing in his career that's going to lack. (But) he's got skills already that guys like Bret Boone and Jeff Kent don't have."*

DON NORRIS, Adams' summer coach



## Adams' Stats

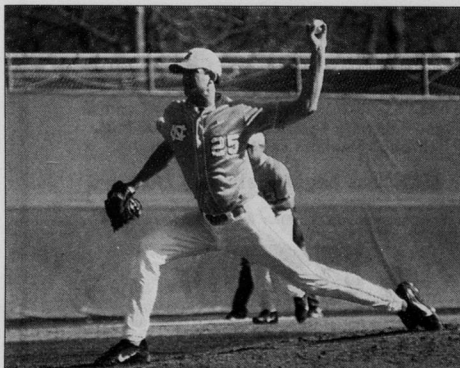
	Summer		
	2000	2001	2001
Avg	.322	.331	.281
G	50	57	44
AB	143	239	171
R	26	52	27
H	46	79	48
RBI	19	41	12
2B	7	13	5
3B	1	2	1
HR	0	1	2
Slg	.385	.414	.357
SB	20-22	28-33	23-33
BB	17	28	20
SO	25	24	26



UNC infielder Russ Adams ranked among the top three Tar Heels in batting average, runs, hits, doubles, RBIs, walks and stolen bases during his breakout sophomore

## Baseball 2002

# Baseball Tries to Shrug Off Down Year,



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Tar Heel southpaw Daniel Moore surrendered just one earned run and struck out six in his first outing of the year.

**M**onths after a 2001 season marked by inexperience and frustration, the North Carolina baseball team came together at the start of fall practice to look ahead to a new year.

Thinking back on their 31-26 record — the worst mark in Mike Fox's three years as UNC coach — the Tar Heels had plenty of things they'd rather not take with them into 2002.

Forget about the 9-15 ACC record or even the 5.90 team ERA. What concerned players most was the overall funk in which the team found itself as the season dragged on.

"It got to the point where it just wasn't fun to come down here anymore," said junior pitcher Scott Autrey, sitting in the Boshamer Stadium clubhouse.

But that, said UNC players, was then.

With confidence bolstered by strong summer-league performances, the Tar Heels have entered this season with a swagger they lacked a year ago.

"We didn't have that slight arrogance that you need to play this game competitively, and I think that's something that I've seen in our team this year,"

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said junior infielder Russ Adams. "And we're going to continue to be that way."

Adams, a preseason All-American who will likely be a first-round draft pick at season's end, will lead a UNC offense predicated more on speed than power.

Fox will depend on Adams and leadoff man Adam Greenberg, who in 2001 stole 28 and 29 bases, respectively, to set the table for the rest of the lineup. So far, the heart of the order has included senior Chris Maples, junior Sean Farrell and sophomore Ron Braun.

Despite the fact that Fox said he was unimpressed with UNC's offensive production following a game home stand last weekend against Seton Hall, it was the Tar Heels' defense that showed the rust. North Carolina committed eight errors en route to losing two of three to the Pirates.

"I really think we'll be fine defensively," Fox said. "But certainly, making eight errors in three games is unacceptable."

But early season errors can be expected. Carolina's biggest concern is the pitching staff, which struggled mightily to develop its young arms last year.

UNC returns Autrey and sophomore lefty Ian Moore to its starting rotation, as well as sophomores Scott Manshack and freshman Garry B. Although Fox said he would have liked to ease into the season with a rotation of freshmen and sophomores, the heart of the order has included senior Chris Maples, junior Sean Farrell and sophomore Ron Braun.