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## Florida Atlantic to hire Doherty as head coach

BOCA RATON, Fla. - It looks like embattled former North Carolina basketball coach Matt Doherty will get another shot to prove himself in college basketball.

Florida Atlantic scheduled a news conference for Monday, amid reports the school had hired Doherty as its new basketball coach

Athletic department spokes-woman Katrina McCormick would not confirm Doherty's hir-ing Sunday, but said the new coach would be introduced at the event. Messages left by The Associated

Press on Doherty's cell phone were not returned Sunday.

The Palm Beach Post and The Boca Raton News, citing unidenti-fied sources, reported on their Web sites on Saturday that Doherty had

accepted the job and would replace Sidney Green, who was fired last month after three consecutive los-

Doherty toured the campus Wednesday and met with athletic director Craig Angelos and school president Frank Brogan about the position. McCormick said both Angelos and Brogan would attend Monday's news conference.

Florida Atlantic would be the third coaching stop for the 43-year-old Doherty, who lasted three seasons as Bill Guthridge's successor at North Carolina before being

forced to resign.

Doherty went 53-43 at North Carolina. Many of his top recruits helped the Tar Heels win this year's NCAA title. Doherty was a starter on North Carolina's 1982 national championship team.

## **ERRORS**

was off and cost the Tar Heels the first run of the game.

The third error of the day came

with two outs and runners on first and second. Third baseman Webb knocked down Braun's hit with his chest, but his throw to first was high and sent Alex Garabedian home to give Miami the lead in the

top of the fifth, 9-8. Webb also let a hit go through his legs to give Figueroa a double in the top of the seventh.

"I've made my errors this weekend too, so it's not like I can look down on anybody," Webb said. "It's just frustrating. ... It's all a learning

The Tar Heels continued their bloopers — and not the kind you hit into shallow right field — in the top of the ninth.

Kyle Shelton checked in at third base and dove for Danny Valencia's hit with no one on base. He stopped the ball but missed the throw to first. That was the fifth error of the game and a season-high for UNC

in any one game.
UNC subsequently upped that record when Craig Corrado, filling in at shortstop, tried to backhand Roger Tomas' hit, which bounced off his glove. With two outs, the error scored Miami's 17th run of

the night. "We know everybody makes mis-

takes - nobody's perfect," Corrado

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## **LACROSSE**

UNC also had problems clearing the ball upfield against Maryland as they only got the ball safely to the other end 14 times out of 22 attempts

It is the worst defeat of the season for the Tar Heels, who previously lost two games by one goal and one game by six.

The loss also means the Tar

Heels finish fourth in the ACC and now must compete in a play-in game in the ACC Tournament.

"The ACC Tournament is up for grabs," Higgins said. "Whoever improves their play and plays consistently throughout the next two weeks will come out."

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said. "We're a team, and we stick behind each other."

With so many slipups, the Tar Heels can only go back to the draw-

"We'll have some practices,"
Webb said. "Coach will get us out on defense, make sure we're con-centrating on watching the ball in and throwing to bases.
"Practice makes perfect."

BASEBALL

earned runs on four hits and three

walks in 1 2/3 innings, and Miami ran the final score to 18-9.

"(Bard and Miller) got them-selves behind in counts," said Hurricane coach Jim Morris.

"They've got great stuff, and both of them are great pitchers, but you

can't pitch that way."

But for the first three innings

of Sunday's game, it looked as though UNC starter Adam Kalkhof had discovered the secret.

He allowed a first-inning run on a sacrifice fly, but he didn't allow

his first hit until third baseman Ryan Braun doubled in the top of

In the meantime, back-to-back home runs in the third inning from

the fourth.

The Miami baseball team celebrates after Danny Figueroa (2) scored the game-tying run in the ninth inning of Sunday's 7-7 tie with North Carolina. Figueroa came home on an error by UNC third baseman Reid Fronk. The game was called a tie after 10 innings because of the Hurricanes' travel curfew. Justin Webb and Ellington staked the Tar Heels to a 4-1 lead.

But that's when their run of success ran out. The Braun double knocked in

Paco Figueroa, who had walked, and Miami hitters strung together a walk and two singles to drive Kalkhof from the game. Danford then entered and allowed single runs in the fifth and

the sixth before settling down. He threw a season-high 6 1/3 innings. The Tar Heels rallied in the bottom of the sixth. Seth Williams led off the inning with a home run to

and an RBI single from Ellington gave the Tar Heels a 7-6 lead. The score held until the ninth Danford hit Miami center fielder Danny Figueroa with his second pitch of the inning, and Figueroa

left field, and a Webb sacrifice fly

ook first bas Fox argued briefly that Figueroa hadn't made an effort to avoid the pitch, but to no avail.

"It's disappointing. We had a chance to win the game, and we probably should have won the game."

MIKE FOX, UNC COACH

"It's a point of emphasis this year in the rule book," Fox said. "I thought it was close."

Paco Figueroa followed with a sacrifice bunt to advance his twin brother to second, and Braun hit a grounder to shortstop to send

Danny Figueroa to third.

Danford ran the count to 0-2 against left fielder John Jay and threw a breaking ball that missed

high — barely.

"It's breaking down by the time the catcher catches it, so it may appear as a strike, but I think the umpire made the correct call," Danford said.

Jay then ripped a ground ball through the legs of third baseman

Reid Fronk to score Figueroa with the tying run.

And when neither team could push across a run in one extra inning before the curfew ended play, the game ended in a tie. The result left both sides dis-

satisfied, particularly a North Carolina team that had the Hurricanes down to their final strike in the ninth.

Fox was asked point-blank if he thought Danford's 0-2 curve had won his team the game. "Yes," he said.

His wry smile said the rest.

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