

# Fedroff powers UNC past W&M

## Right fielder homers in 8-run rout

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CARY — After ripping off four wins in a row last weekend, the No. 5 North Carolina baseball team kept right on rolling Tuesday afternoon, routing William & Mary at the USA Baseball National Training Complex.

The Tar Heels' offense rebounded after a less-than-stellar performance Sunday, posting 10 runs on 16 hits en route to the eight-run win — UNC's first victory at its new home in Cary.

"Everybody was excited to get back in this ballpark 'cause we lost this last game here," first baseman Dustin Ackley said.

That mentality was on display from the get-go as North Carolina

(8-1) got on base early and often during the opening frames.

In each of the game's first four innings, the North Carolina lead-off man reached base. From there the Tar Heels utilized a combination of smart baserunning and power hitting to overwhelm Tribe pitchers.

William & Mary starter Cody Winslow lasted only three-plus innings, allowing seven runs on nine hits during his brief stint on the mound.

One of the Tar Heels key in forcing Winslow's early exit was right fielder Tim Fedroff.

The sophomore lined a pitch into the left-center field gap for a single to lead off the bottom of the first. Then, in UNC's half of the fourth, he crushed a hanging fast-ball over the center field fence to put the Tar Heels up 6-2.

In addition to the long ball, Fedroff led UNC with three RBIs and three hits Tuesday. A day like that could go a long way toward reversing the dry spell that began Fedroff's season.

"It does a whole lot," Fedroff said of his 3-for-4 performance. "Hitting's — most of it is confidence. And it's tough hitting when your confidence isn't there."

Fedroff's two-run homer — his third of the year — was part of a five-run fourth inning, which turned a 4-2 Tar Heel advantage into a 9-2 romp.

More importantly, the rally answered a two-run Tribe effort in the top of the inning that momentarily brought the Tribe (7-3) back within striking distance.

"It's always good to answer when a team gets close — to come back and get some separation again," UNC coach Mike Fox said. "It sort of deflates them a little bit."

And once North Carolina distanced itself from William & Mary, the Tar Heel pitching staff shut the door on the Tribe, holding the visitors scoreless the rest of the way.

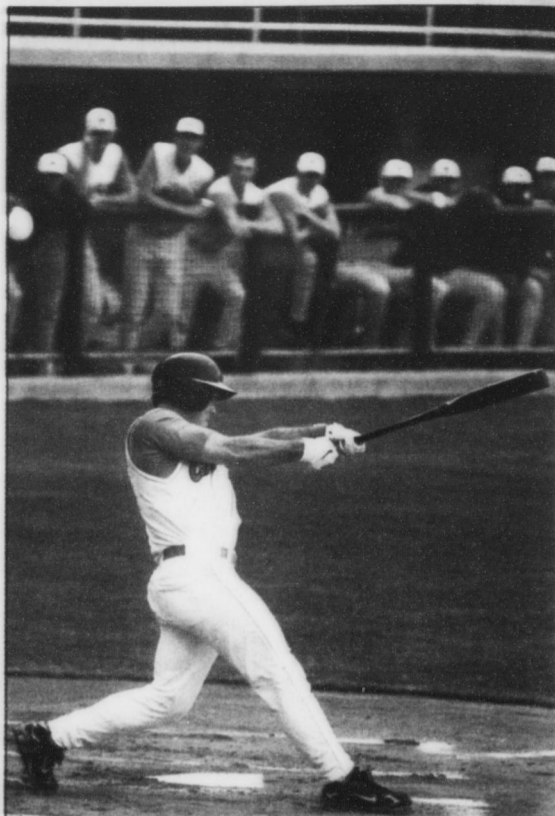
In all, six UNC pitchers combined to limit William & Mary to two runs on five hits. And because Fox decided to make Tuesday a staff day, freshman Matt Harvey earned his first career win despite pitching only four innings.

And Harvey took advantage of his time on the mound, striking out five and only allowing two runs on three hits.

In 8.2 innings this year, the right-hander has allowed only two runs while striking out 13.

"He's kinda turned it up a notch with an opposition here," Fox said. "His change-up was really, really good today."

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North Carolina's Tim Fedroff finishes his swing after making contact during the Tar Heels' 10-2 victory against William & Mary on Tuesday.

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