

Tar Heels on pace with former CWS squads

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CARY — It's tempting to make the comparison.

Same school. Same coach. Same compliment of cage veterans and raw underclassmen.

It's only natural to gauge just where this year's North Carolina baseball team fits in with the past two squads that came so close to winning the Men's College World Series.

But all those thoughts and connections disappear after a few minutes with UNC coach Mike Fox.

"I'll let people compare when the year is over," he said Sunday.

"We've got to be careful about where we set the bar here. ... I don't want our team to get caught up in that. Like, you have to do this, and you have to do that."

Given the way UNC has played of late, many people might want to set that proverbial bar in Omaha, Neb., where North Carolina would attempt to claim the national title that eluded them the past two years.

Looking at the numbers, it's easy to see another deep postseason run in the fourth-ranked Tar Heels' future.

After blitzing Boston College three times by a combined score of



Sophomore Kyle Seager hit two home runs and drove in a career-high five runs on Friday.

26-5, UNC is off to its best start in school history at 34-7.

And the weekend's trio of games exemplified the way that one of the team's early season question marks has become one of its most potent weapons.

Starters Alex White, Adam Warren and Matt Harvey com-

bined to last 19 innings against the Eagles while allowing a total of just four earned runs.

That effort, combined with another dominating performance from the bullpen, has all but closed the book on whether the Tar Heels would suffer a pitching drop-off this season.

North Carolina currently leads the nation in ERA, and the staff is posting numbers superior even to those of the past Tar Heel squads that featured first-round draft picks Andrew Miller and Daniel Bard.

"That was one of our big concerns because we've lost so much,

but our freshman have really stepped up," sophomore second baseman Kyle Seager said of UNC's play on the mound.

Fast start aside, the Tar Heels have yet to hit the highlight of their ACC schedule, an upcoming series against No. 3 Florida State and road trips to Virginia and No. 1 Miami. These tests will show whether any comparisons to the last two seasons are merited.

"I think the jury is still out on us," Fox said. "I think people on the outside looking in say, 'OK, they are where they are. They've beaten these teams. Can they beat Florida State?'"

Until those roads have been crossed and those tests taken, it will be difficult to place this year's group in the hierarchy of historical North Carolina squads.

To one player who was a part of the 2006 and 2007 teams, there is a No. 1 in the debate among the three.

"I think it's probably two or three," junior Tim Federowicz said.

"The team my freshman year was probably the best I've ever played on."

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BASEBALL

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Seager that cleared the right-field fence. Seager piled up a career-best five RBI on the night and stretched his ACC-leading RBI count to 57.

Sunday the hits came in bunches. The sixth through ninth hitters strung together four hits in a row in both the second and sixth innings, producing five combined runs.

"We just got some timely hitting, and I feel like, one through nine, everybody was able to contribute, which definitely helped us out," sophomore Tim Fedroff said. "It's just getting guys on base and getting big hits."

Even with the series sweep and the best 41-game start since the early 1980s, Fox said it's too early to relax.

UNC travels to Charlotte on Tuesday to face a team that they needed 12 innings to beat at home last week and then faces High Point on Wednesday before hosting Florida State in what will be the toughest weekend series yet.

"We're going to be judged, like everybody, on how we finish," Fox said. "And we've got a tough road to hoe here. Starting with a road game Tuesday, our schedule gets a whole lot tougher."

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North Carolina's Tim Fedroff attempts to slide under a tag during UNC's series sweep of Boston College. Fedroff had four RBIs on the weekend.

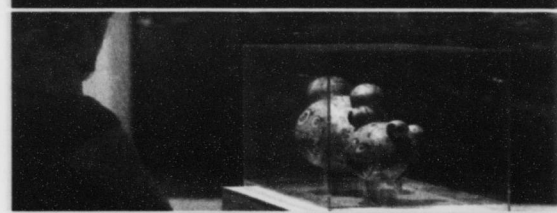
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SENIORS

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fourth-quarter goal.

After their first two years, Haus and the No. 13 Tar Heels' seniors are excited just to be back in the thralls of the nation's top teams.

"Now they've had back-to-back seasons where our team is one of the most prominent in the country, and we should be there. And they've done a lot to help us in that area. We're going to need that if we're going to move on in both tournaments."

But Tintle said he still has things to accomplish on top of the Tar

Heels' regular season successes.

A win against Duke in the first round of this weekend's ACC Tournament would provide the sort of redemption he seeks — freedom from an 0-16 conference record, the monkey on the back of every one of the team's seniors.

"We need it. Definitely need it. We've been close a couple times; we've been upset. We've been up on Duke a lot, got upset."

"But it's in our cards. We're gonna get it soon enough."

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SOFTBALL

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the series was short-lived, as UNC rallied back to collect three two-out runs in the bottom of the first.

UNC pitcher Amber Johnson made the lead stick for the Tar Heels. Striking out nine in the series' final game, Johnson improved her record to 12-1 on the year and finished off North Carolina's 16th consecutive conference win.

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On the farm

Residents attend the 13th annual Piedmont Farm Tour, which featured 35 farms. See pg. 4 for story.

Stopping in

The Board of Visitors gathered in Chapel Hill for its spring meeting this weekend. Go online for story.

Book smart

The Chapel Hill Public Library celebrates its 50th birthday. See pg. 5 for story.

Ticket debate

The Carolina Athletic Association will hold a basketball ticket forum. See pg. 3 for story.

Ice cream run

Students run the Maple View Challenge to raise funds for Nourish International. See pg. 1 for story.

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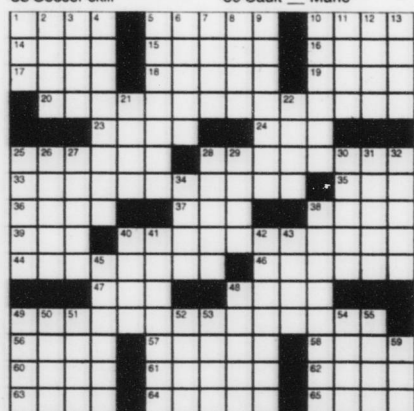
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- Auctioneer's last word
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- Gator's cousin
- Mindless individual
- Non-verbal consenters
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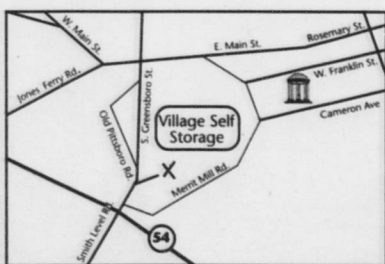
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Summer Jobs

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Summer Jobs

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