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Tar Heels fall in ACC Tournament

BY GABE HIATT

Buster Posey brought the thun-

der With storm clouds that would eventually delay the game roll-ing into the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, the ACC Player of the Year from State

BAJEDALL		Florida State
UNC	6	pinch hit a sin-
FSU	9	gle for 2 RBI to
		tie the score 5-5

against North Carolina.

The hit ignited a six-run ninth inning rally for the Seminoles, leading to a 9-6 FSU victory at the ACC Baseball Championship tournament.

"I knew he'd be coming up at some point," UNC coach Mike Fox said of Posey, who missed his

at Open Eye last Friday. "You just

kind of jam. It's definitely more of

Despite the challenge, preconcep-

tions exist as to what genre of music

most cafe acts will generate — usu-ally soft, acoustic folksy melodies.

who was at Open Eye as Langlas set up for Friday's show, said there

"It's certainly something cul-tural," he said. "I don't know who

started it or when, but folk music

has been complementary to the

kind of people who want to go out

and get coffee and relax and enjoy

Langlas, who lives in Los Angeles, said she's seen a variety of shows at coffee shops, though.

"That kind of music can match well, but I've also been to coffee shops

where there's jazz or hard rock," she

said. "But as a singer-songwriter, you can actually fit, and the sound won't

Most important to Funck and Langlas, though, was the ability to

meet new people and new artists. "Even if people just take your

card, you can run into musicians and

line up gigs," Langlas said. "Any small

interviews are completed, which

will be toward the end of next

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"The reason I've given for

is truth to that notion.

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of law," he said.

blacked out.

Andrew Wein, a UNC junior

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a challenge."

first collegiate start in his career to rest They picked the right time (to

use him) and we gave them the right time. That's why he's the best player in our conference," Fox said.

Posey got some help from the clouds, too. A thunderstorm halted play for over an hour soon after Posey's hit was followed by another single from Stuart Tapley.

North Carolina reliever Tim Federowicz came in for Rob Wooten right before the delay, and the rest wasn't kind to him. He gave up three runs upon his return.

"The biggest thing was just trying to keep my adrenaline up and trying to carry over the adrenaline that I had when I came in there at the first point," Federowicz said.

Langlas said she's spent the past

four years doing shows and remem-

bers a lot about playing shows in

coffee shops in L.A. and Santa

"A lot of times it's about meet-

ing other musicians and opening for them potentially," she said.

And while Friday was Langlas' first time in North Carolina, she

said any chance to do more tour-

more I end up writing songs. When you connect with people, that's

what it's all about. You work on

material, and it stems from that." Funck shared a similar senti-

ment on the importance of meet-

ing and listening to local musi-cians, expressing his new affinity

for Durham band Red Collar, who

he recently saw for the first time at

And he said the experience of

playing at a cafe is something that

will continue to attract him as he

continues to perform at places like

and check out something kind of

pared down, I'd recommend it," he

said. "It's straight to the root. There's

something intimate and unpolished

The other two teams playing in

Cary this weekend are somewhat

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about it that's really nice.

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secrets by Friday."

"If you just want to chill and relax

Franklin Street's Local 506.

For me, the more I play, the

connection can be beneficial."

Barbara.

ing is a plus.

"I just had to make sure I went in there and threw strikes, and I did. They were hitting 'em out pretty good.

In the bottom of the ninth, the veather was again unkind to the Tar Heels With the bases loaded, catch-

Mark Fleury smacked a ball to left field that looked to be a game-winning grand slam until the wind blew it back in for a sac-fly. Still, that left two men on base with Seth Williams at the plate representing the tying run.

Williams also struck the ball hard to left field, but the wind pushed it just foul.

"(The weather) is not something you can control," Fox said. "If you're banking on that to win a game, and Mother Nature is in charge, you're

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"We can do more to get our technology and ideas out in the marketplace where they're helping people, e said. "I hope while I'm leading the University of North Carolina, people feel like this is a place where

they can take more risks." Many in Research Triangle Park would like to see the University ommunity do just that.

Douglas Reed, a Viamet director and general partner with Clay Thorp's firm, Hatteras Venture Partners, cited the successes of universities such as Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of which have a history of investing in spin-off companies.

Like UNC, those schools are near major research parks that borrow faculty and ideas. But the University lags behind in the financial give-and-take, bringing in only about 4 percent of Stanford's licensing income and 20 percent of MIT's spin-off count.

"Looking at the way things are done successfully in these other places, there has to be an understanding that this is a portfolio," Reed said of universities' spin-off companies.

"The most important thing is to get as many of them as possible into the community, get as many of them funded as possible and recognize that many of them won't be successful."

There's been a national move-ment to broaden universities' focus from licensing patents to actually founding companies that market the protected technology.

Development has stepped up its own efforts during the past decade to help faculty know their options. Most of UNC's 42 spin-off companies have formed in those years, and only seven have failed.



Williams would end up walking to load the bases, but freshman slugger Brett Thomas, pinch hitting for sophomore Ryan Graepel, struck out looking for the final

The loss put the Tar Heels at 1-2 in Pool B and marked the second time UNC blew a lead in the tour-nament. They will return to North Carolina for a regional next weekend.

"This was a disappointing loss for us - to have a lead in the ninth inning and not get it done," Fox said. "It's not characteristic of our team but we've done it twice here.

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number remains behind those of its peer public universities in California, Michigan, Texas and Wisconsin.

Starting a company is a significant sacrifice for faculty, and Thorp is unique among academics in his eagerness to navigate the patent pro-tection, confidentiality agreements, contract negotiations and private fundraising it takes to do so.

Thorp expressed an interest in helping faculty and students down that track. Garheng Kong, a Viamet director on the investment team of Intersouth Partners, said Thorp's support of a project means something to people in his field.

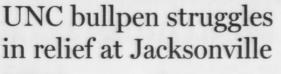
"He has a very strong network," Kong said. "When he comes and says, 'I have an idea,' I usually pay attention to it."

Thorp's own history of interfacing academic and commercial pursuits illustrates how the two can become intertwined.

Since 1993, 60 percent of the almost \$5 million in sponsored research for Thorp's UNC lab has come from industry sources, with \$2.8 million from companies in which Thorp or his brother has held financial interest.

UNC also receives licensing income from Xanthon technology and is a shareholder in Viamet. The Office of Technology Development did not disclose how much the University has received from either

As chancellor, Thorp will have no operational business roles but expects to maintain advisory rela-



BY GABE HIATT

Throughout the season the bullpen was an asset for a North Carolina baseball team ranked No. 1 nationally by Baseball America.

At the 2008 ACC Championship tournament, the pitching staff sport-ing Division I's lowest ERA (2.63)

showed glimpses of vulnerability. "I think down the stretch if people had a knock on us, it was that we didn't have a good enough starting pitching to win in (an NCAA) regional; we just gotta count on our bullpen," coach Mike Fox said. "I think we almost

did the opposite

In each of UNC's two

losses, the bull-

pen squandered

solid outings

from starters

"Those last

here.



and blew one-run leads in the Senior reliever **Rob Wooten** ninth inning. ended the ACC tourney with three outs in any an ERA of 1.81.

game - espe cially in this tournament, especially in the ACC — are the hardest ones to get," Fox said. "Any coach will tell you that.

ACC Pitcher of the Year Alex White mowed down the Virginia Cavaliers in the first game Wednesday to the tune of 11 strikeouts and one earned run over seven innings of work. But reliever Rob Wooten gave up two runs and the lead in the ninth inning.

The Tar Heels' deep lineup kept coming back, but neither Brian Moran nor Colin Bates, could hold the lead in the 11-inning contest.

Relief again could not be found in the Florida State game Saturday.

North Carolina entered the ninth inning with a 5-3 lead and lost the game 9-6. Wooten had trouble locating his pitches, walking two batters and allowing two hits and three runs, including the tying scores.

"I feel for Rob because he has been the guy for us the past couple of years," Fox said.

He pointed to Wooten's mechanics as the root of the problem. "Mavbe (Wooten had) a little bit of an arm angle change and not that

good extension out front." Whatever the case, something about the ACC Tournament spook Wooten. In last year's contest in the ame ballpark, he appeared in .1 innings in two games, walked two and allowed three runs on two hits for an ERA of 81.

But to define him by this tournaent would be unfair.

Instead of placing the reliever in former closer Andrew Carignan's shoes - where he might garner greater visibility in the eyes of pro - Fox said he chose to utilize Wooten as a reliever in a context closer to the true meaning of the word, bringing him in for the toughest stretch of game

Wooten never complained. He appeared in 46.1 innings - more than any other relief man - and hurled 54 strikeouts versus 17 walks before the tournament, performing well enough to earn second-team All-ACC honors.

Fox is convinced Wooten will unce back

"He'll be fine," Fox said. "We still ave a lot of confidence in him. Bates and Moran sit in similar

circumstances as far as performing under par in the tournament compared to the regular season. Both had their worst struggles in

the first game, where Moran allowed two hits and a run. It was still disconcerting seeing them touched up after expecting dominance based on the regular season.

Before the tournament each pitcher appeared in almost as many innings as Wooten with ERAs under 1.8.

In the FSU game, Moran was only used against one batter to take advantage of his dominant hand. He allowed a hit anyway.

But before the tournament, the lanky lefty known for wicked breaking balls threw 60 strikeouts to only 12 walks. And in the victory against Wake Forest he retired the last two batters. Like Bates, he's only a second-year player.

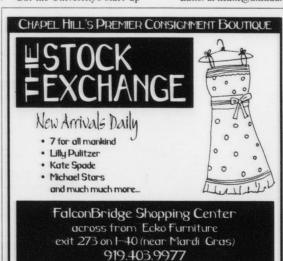
"They're not gonna be perfect every time out," Fox said. "They're not gonna be robots. If they get hit you've got to go put them out there again.

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But the University's start-up





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it up all the time for motivation. "The General Assembly made They really came in and took it to autopsy reports done at request us of the district attorney or medical The Tar Heels combine with examiner public record as a matter

No. 4 seeded Florida State and top overall seed Miami to give the ACC "It's a matter of public access three teams in the top four NCAA seeds. The third seed is Stanford. and providing information to the That experience should give UNC a marked edge after going against public, which may or may not be pertinent to the public trial." Woodall said he has not consid-

the best in the nation. "We've faced the best pitching and best hitting in the country, sophomore slugger Dustin Ackley said. "So I think that's a big prepa-

ration. More immediately, however, the Tar Heels are coming off a disappointing early exit in the ACC

Tournament. "We didn't play well," Fox said. "I was probably as disappointed in the way we played as probably any point in the season. But all that's vay in the nosts

the information public. "It's the judge's call, not mine."

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port for Thorp on the part of the Kenan Trust. "We wanted to give him some momentum," Krasno said

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tion or releasing the documents with the confidential portions

He said that the judge will rule

on the matter June 11 and that the

judge could decide to make all of

The six endowed professorships will be distributed to departments within the College of Arts and Sciences that have a high demand for honors courses. "The dean of the college, in con-

sultation with the senior associate dean, will decide where these positions end up," Thorp said. "And those departments will offer four more honors courses.

The additional faculty will not necessarily teach the new honors courses, but their presence will free up professors who otherwise would have been needed to teach large lectures to teach smaller class

That's always been the stumbling block - not having enough rs courses," Kendall said. hon

Not only will the Honors Program benefit from the gift, with the new endowed positions, the College itself will reap the benefit of additional faculty members. "That's the beauty of it," Thorp

said. "We'll have the honors cours es, but we'll also have new colleagues who will be doing research and teaching more courses."

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