

UNC knocks out CCU in 2 A team player's real team player

Pitching dominates Chanticleers

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Takin' care of business was the MO for North Carolina in Cary last weekend.

A calm, cool, relaxed UNC team dispatched Coastal Carolina with two knockout blows and never trailed during the two games of the Cary super regional.

In both games, the Tar Heels set the tone early, opening up with two runs in the first inning Saturday and a whopping six runs in the second.

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at Cary's USA Baseball Training Complex to string base hit after base hit into RBI after RBI, and Coastal Carolina's defenders were by no means able to cover the field.

CCU's fielding unit racked up nine errors in the two games, including five from second baseman Noel Rico. Rico was so frustrated by the end of the super regional that he even gave a tip of his cap to the fans after making the most routine of throws to first base for a put-out.

CCU also struggled to get any

kind of offensive rhythm going, as they were held scoreless until the fourth inning Saturday and the seventh Sunday.

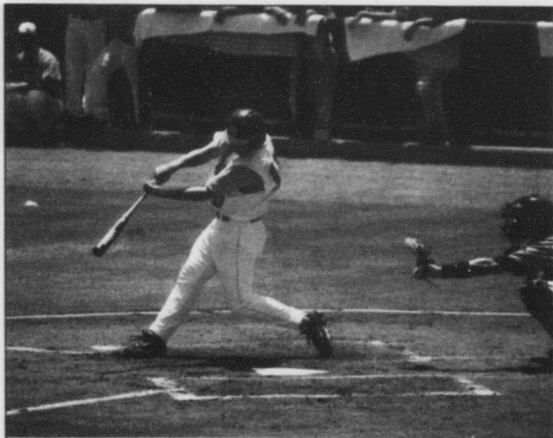
"Looking at it from the outfield, I felt like the more the errors and close calls were coming in the heat, it was just too much mentally for our guys," CCU centerfielder David Sappelt said.

While part of Coastal Carolina's problems could have stemmed from the 100-degree-plus heat that baked Cary during the weekend, odds are that the heat brought by Tar Heel pitchers Alex White and Adam Warren proved much more bothersome.

White scattered eight hits through seven innings of work with six strikeouts and three earned runs Saturday, but, more impressively, 72 of his 105 pitches on the day were strikes — almost a 69 percent rate.

"That was important for us," UNC coach Mike Fox said. "I think we may have pushed him too much, sending him out there in the eighth ... It was an important strong performance from Alex, given the circumstances with the heat and the big game."

On Sunday, CCU batters had no more success against Warren, who pitched six innings of shutout baseball while the Tar Heel bats racked up 12 runs before CCU even got on



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UNC rolled through the Cary super regional in two games Saturday and Sunday, besting not only Coastal Carolina, but 100-degree heat, as well.

the board.

"I said all along that if we could be in a ball game in the fifth inning, we would have a chance to win," CCU coach Gary Gilmore said. "Unfortunately we haven't got there yet."

Dustin Ackley and Tim Fedroff again were the spark plugs for UNC's offense, combining for nine hits and five RBI on the weekend.

This time they were joined by another pair of hitters, Seth Williams and Tim Federowicz (a combined nine hits and six RBI).

Also showing signs of emerging from his postseason slump was third baseman Chad Flack.

Flack recorded two hits Sunday for his first of the postseason, and, despite striking out in his final home at-bat, even that limited production is an improvement from his dismal performance in the regional.

But after taking care of business in Cary, the Tar Heels now can try their hand in Omaha, Neb.

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Gore succeeds on and off bench

BY POWELL LATIMER
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Look at any celebratory team picture of North Carolina baseball, and you'll see him.

Garrett Gore, front and center, his hands in the air and his mouth wide open, yelling for joy.

The junior shortstop could well have been a large part of the reason that North Carolina advanced to Omaha on the strength of two weekends of dominating defense — and he spent most of the postseason on the bench.

Gore, who had started — and struggled — most of the season at shortstop, sat the bench for much of the Tar Heels' playoff action and let sophomore Ryan Graepel make his mark on the postseason.

It would have been a great opportunity for Gore to sulk in the dugout after a younger player had taken his spot in the lineup. But Gore wanted too badly to be that player on the frontline of the dogpile, screaming his lungs out.

"He's been supportive of me all last year when I was playing more," Gore said of his postseason replacement Graepel. "So how could I not do the same for him?"

"Always as a player you're disappointed when you can't play, but I want the best thing for this team, and obviously it worked out for the best."

It was that support that made it just that much easier for Graepel to become one of the big postseason success stories for North Carolina. And whom does the newbie thank? Try the man whose spot he took.

"Tell you what, he's incredible," Graepel said. "He is just so big for our clubhouse. He's up all the time. You can't ask for more from a teammate. He's been supportive no matter what the coaches have decided ... He's been just a terrific teammate."

The next thing anyone knew, Graepel was surrounded by TV cameras after leading the Tar Heel defense through the NCAA regionals.

Gore, on the other hand, was



Junior Garrett Gore played the second game of UNC's super regional at the DH spot.

nowhere to be found. Operating mostly as a designated hitter for the super regional weekend, he quietly had a solid outing in game two, going 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBI — in fact, he put the ball in play every single at-bat in that game.

"You just wait for your at-bat to come up and then focus just on hitting; it definitely takes some pressure off of you," Gore said of his DH spot. "Sometimes if you're out there and make some mistakes defensively, you can put extra pressure on yourself to hit better."

But for the most part, Gore knows his limitations as a player and is even self-deprecating at times.

"I mean you look at me, I'm smaller, I'm not as fast ... I'd love to hit 15 home runs and bat in 72 RBIs every year, but that's not me, I can't do that," he said.

It's a realization that Gore made early on in his career at North Carolina, right about the first time he saw Chad Flack swing the bat.

So Gore became committed to hitting for contact, laying down slap bunts, doing the little things to keep a rally going.

It's those little things that earned him praise from coach Mike Fox, who understands the value of having a contented bench.

The first thing out of Fox's mouth in the press conference following the series win against Coastal Carolina? Praise of Gore.

"I think our team is probably defined by a player like Garrett Gore. ... That probably defines our team more than anything, kids that just want to win are willing to sacrifice personal achievements."

Despite his retreat into the background of UNC's postseason run, rest assured that if UNC takes the cake in Omaha, when everyone's gathered around that final trophy, Gore will be front and center.

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Six Tar Heels taken in MLB draft

Federowicz, Fedroff go back-to-back

BY MIKE EHRLICH
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Most aspiring Major League Baseball players dream all their lives about the day they'll be drafted. They'll wait by the phones, hear their name called and then celebrate with family and friends.

North Carolina's Tim Federowicz went a different route. He spent all morning in the hospital looking like a pincushion for IVs while doctors tried to rid him of a nasty virus he caught the night before.

"It was pretty bad," Federowicz said with a smile. "But my roommate Tyler (Trice) text-messaged me, and my brother called my mom. I was still kind of out of it — they gave me a lot of drugs in the hospital — and I was half-asleep when I heard it. I was able to feel better about it that night."

All conditions aside, the news was a dream come true for the recent draftee, as well as for five other UNC players. Draft-eligible sophomore Tim Fedroff was the first Tar Heel off the board, going in the seventh round to the Cleveland Indians.

It took 231 overall picks to get to Fedroff, but it wouldn't be long until he was joined as a draftee. With the very next pick in the draft, the Boston Red Sox selected

Federowicz.

"That's pretty cool," Federowicz said. "Me and Tim are very close — not only with our names — but we're real good friends, and it's pretty cool to find out we were back-to-back."

It wound up being a banner day for Federowicz's Chapel Hill home, as his two Tar Heel pitcher roommates also were taken by major league teams.

Rob Wooten was drafted in the 13th round by the Milwaukee Brewers, and Tyler Trice went to the Colorado Rockies in the 21st.

Pending contracts, pitcher Adam Warren can remain teammates with Fedroff in years to come. In the 36th round, Warren found out that, like Fedroff, he was chosen by the Indians.

Rounding out the Tar Heel selections was Seth Williams, who was drafted in the 40th round by the New York Mets.

"It's a credit to them, and we know that's part of having good players," UNC coach Mike Fox said after watching those six players help lead the Tar Heels back to Omaha.

"The Major League draft is out there, and the timing of it is not good, but it's a credit to those guys they were able to not make it be

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TIM FEDEROWICZ, CATCHER

a distraction. We're happy for all those guys. It's a dream."

Eight of North Carolina's 10 recruits also were selected out of high school. Right-handed pitcher Jason Knapp and shortstop/outfielder Derrik Gibson were chosen in the second round. Outfielder L.J. Hoes was taken in the third, and righthander Tim Melville was selected in the fourth round.

Quentin Miller, Garrison Lassiter, Jimmy Messer and Matt Harrison all were drafted on the second day.

"It's just part of it," Fox said of convincing those recruits to pass up lucrative pro contracts to honor their commitments to Chapel Hill.

"It's part of coaching at this level. If you stress about it too much, all that can play all the way through August. I'm just going to enjoy Omaha."

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Tar Heels selected in MLB draft

Current players

Tim Fedroff -- Cleveland Indians

Tim Federowicz -- Boston Red Sox

Rob Wooten -- Milwaukee Brewers

Tyler Trice -- Colorado Rockies

Adam Warren -- Cleveland Indians

Seth Williams -- New York Mets

Signees

Jason Knapp -- Philadelphia Phillies

Derrik Gibson -- Boston Red Sox

L.J. Hoes -- Baltimore Orioles

Tim Melville -- Kansas City Royals

Up, up and away

Two UNC students and several professors received grants to build telescopes. See pg. 6 for story.

Boys of summer

The Tar Heels routed Coastal Carolina 14-4 in the series finale June 8. Look up for story.

Till the fat lady sings

Long Leaf Opera will feature English-language operas around Chapel Hill. See pg. 7 for story.

Baby geniuses

UNC's freshman class is stronger academically than last year's crop. See pg. 5 for story.

Tractors are sexy

The "Got to be N.C." expo featured pig races, corn dogs and lots o' tractors. See pg. 3 for story.

A slightly different shade of blue

Lacrosse players tour with U.S. team

BY ANNA KIM
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The transition between Carolina blue and red, white and blue is anything but seamless.

Amber Falcone and Erica LaGrow can attest to that.

"Usually this time of year you come off your collegiate season and take a couple weeks off," LaGrow said. "But you kind of have to jump right back into it."

The two Tar Heels are part of the 18-player U.S. National Women's Lacrosse Team, with UNC teammate Kelly Taylor among the six alternates selected from the U.S. Elite and Developmental teams.

Falcone, a rising senior, was the only player selected from the developmental team to join the touring team, the youngest on the active roster. The team is comprised of 18 players traveling to Prague in hopes of adding another title as the five-time IFWLA World Champions.

Falcone wrapped up her season with All-America honors from four organizations. But the honor of being named on the national team, Falcone said, was completely unexpected.

"I don't even know how to describe it," Falcone said. "My teammates are unbelievable. Just being alongside them for the first time was amazing."

And it was alongside her teammates that Falcone experienced her

first taste of international competition: a 14-8 USA victory against Canada.

"We had practice in the morning and in the afternoon," Falcone recalled. "And we played the Canadian national team that night."

Now a rigorous four-day training period looms ahead. The duo will fly to Baltimore on June 17 for training camp, in preparation for the Prague Cup in late June. But self-imposed training began much earlier.

"I've been working out a lot and trying to maintain the fitness level that I had during the end of the season until I go to training camp," Falcone said.

"Normally we try to take a break and let our bodies chill a little bit, but because of the situation I just had to keep going."

As is fitting for members of a UNC team known for its running attacks on the field, the fast-paced changes have done little to slow down the Tar Heel pair.

"We had tryouts. Two practices, then we played Canada, and then we had tryouts," LaGrow said. "You don't get any time off — it's a great feeling."

Though LaGrow also placed on the elite national team last year, she still struggled to put into words the honor of returning to the national touring team for the Prague Cup.

"It's really hard to describe," LaGrow said. "When you're out there with USA across the front of your jersey, there's no other feeling like it."

LaGrow, who graduated in the spring, has had little time to relax since hanging up her Tar Heel jersey. And though it has been anything but an easy transition,

it seems fitting for the change she anticipates ahead.

"It's an honor to play for — I'm just gonna say it — the best team in the world," LaGrow said.

"I hope to coach next year at the collegiate level. Hopefully I can bring whatever program I end up coaching at all the skills and attributes I acquire from this experience."

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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