

# Versatility key for swimmers

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Sometimes a jack-of-all-trades trumps an ace.

That strategy won't win you many chips at the poker table, but it's proven to be a winning formula for North Carolina swim coach Rich DeSelm.

In just his second year at the helm of the program, DeSelm has placed an increased emphasis on attracting well-rounded talents, as evidenced by the early success of this year's recruiting class.

Freshman Layne Brodie holds the Tar Heels' top time in three separate events, each coming in a different stroke discipline.

"The fact that she can be competitive in events like that — it frees up other people to do other events," DeSelm said. "That's why recruiting talent that's versatile makes for a great team."

Brodie notched three second-place finishes amidst tough competition in October's Lady Mustang Dallas Classic, helping the women tie for second overall at the meet.

Brodie's flexibility, along with that of DeSelm's other recruits, has made the Tar Heels a far more menacing opponent.

"A year or two ago, teams would know exactly what our lineup would be because we didn't have any options," DeSelm said.

"Recruiting quality people who have high-caliber potential in more than one event is really helpful, especially in dual meets."

DeSelm has amassed a roster that contains 16 different swimmers who rank among the top two on the team in more than one event.

Of these 16, 10 have been brought in during DeSelm's tenure, including the Tar Heels' best all-around swimmer, Tyler Harris.

The sophomore earned ACC Men's Swimmer of the Week honors following three first-place finishes against No. 9 Minnesota on Halloween weekend.

Harris tops the Tar Heel depth chart in five different events, but what DeSelm likes most about him is his contagious work ethic.

"(Tyler) comes in the door for practice, and he's got a game face on," DeSelm said.

"He races every repeat of every set to touch the wall first ... and that's the way I like to see people train."

The squad also gained some additional long-distance depth Friday with the return of Chip Peterson.

Peterson took a redshirt year to train for last summer's World Open Water Swimming Championships, where he placed 13th.

And after a year of training for ocean swimming, Peterson is just beginning to hit his stride.

Against Minnesota, his first dual-meet of the year, the sophomore won the 500-yard freestyle against a strong field of competition.

The result was encouraging for Peterson, who has had to readjust to collegiate swimming.

"It's proving to be a little bit more difficult than I thought it would be," Peterson said at the Tar Heel Invitational in late October.

If Peterson can regain the form that earned him All-America hon-

ors as a freshman in 2006-07, UNC's distance freestyle contingent will be among the most formidable in the nation.

Sophomore Joe Kinderwater, last season's ACC champion in the 1,650-yard freestyle, and senior Yi-Khy Saw already have put up solid times this season in the lengthy events.

Peterson's return is a promising sign for the team, which has yet to emerge from the most rigorous portion of its practice schedule.

"We're in a pretty tough time of training," Harris said. "We're doing a lot of yardage, lifting a lot of weight, and to have in-season best times like those — it feels really good."

The Tar Heels will be hoping that these taxing workouts, along with a stiff early-season schedule, will pay off as they enter conference play.

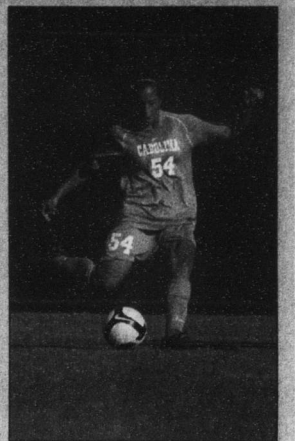
"(The tough early schedule) really gets you ready for the competition that you might face with some ACC schools," Harris said.

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## ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS

**FRIDAY**  
■ SEMIFINALS  
vs. Boston College, 5 p.m.  
Wake Med Soccer Park,  
Cary

**SUNDAY**  
■ CHAMPIONSHIPS  
vs. TBA, 1 p.m.  
Wake Med Soccer Park,  
Cary



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**FRIDAY**  
■ SEMIFINALS  
v. Wake Forest, 7 p.m.  
Duke University,  
Durham

**SUNDAY**  
■ CHAMPIONSHIPS  
v. TBA, 1 p.m.  
Duke University,  
Durham



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## SPORTS CALENDAR

**FRIDAY**  
■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
vs. Premier Players,  
7 p.m., Smith Center

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL  
vs. UNC-Pembroke,  
5:30 p.m., Smith Center

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS  
Kitty Hawk Invitational,  
All day, Chapel Hill

■ WRESTLING  
at N.C. State Open,  
All day, Raleigh

**SATURDAY**  
■ FOOTBALL  
vs. Virginia Tech,  
Noon, Kenan Stadium

■ CROSS COUNTRY  
at Wolfpack Invitational,  
All day, Raleigh

# Tar Heels try new starters in FWS

BY POWELL LATIMER  
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CARY — Basketball season is starting up, and football season is in full swing, but the most successful Tar Heel squad for the past three years also took the field this week.

The North Carolina baseball team wrapped up the Fall World Series on Wednesday, its preseason intrasquad scrimmage.

And while the stakes were somewhat lower — the losing team has to buy pizza for the Christmas party — the competition was still heated, with the series coming down to a final, 10-inning game Wednesday.

Aside from pizza, the Tar Heels also are looking for potential replacements in their lineup, after five of their starting hitters graduated or left the team for the MLB Draft.

While baseball season is still some time away, it looks like at least two of those spots are filled.

Mike Cavasinni, a redshirt junior, looks to find time in the outfield after he was beset with

injuries the past two years. "Cavi's got to come back," coach Mike Fox said. "Got to get back to starting form."

"You don't face live pitching for two years and you then try to come back, it takes you a while. He's going to be important for us."

Another player waiting in the wings for the past few years also finally has his shot. Greg Holt flashed power and placement in the FWS, going 3-for-5 in the 10-inning final game with a game-high three RBI.

"It's awesome," Holt said of his chance to start in 2009. "It's a great feeling to know that I have an opportunity to come in and help our team win. It feels — I've been waiting a long time for this, let's just say that."

Adding to the importance of Holt's success was that many of his hits came against Adam Warren, UNC's Saturday starter in 2008.

North Carolina batters could be much better than their paltry averages showed (the White team went 13-40, while the Blue team

went 6-36) but the Tar Heels have what yet again looks to be the best pitching staff in the nation.

It didn't even matter that these hitters and pitchers face off against one another every day in practice.

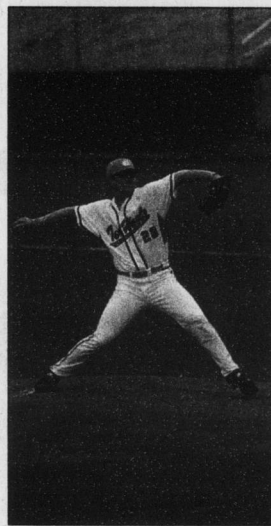
"We've got probably the No. 1 pitching staff in the country," Holt said. "It really doesn't help seeing them every day, because they're so good. They can just show up one day and the next day change things up."

The Tar Heels return all of their starters, and some newer faces showed promise — none more than Bryant Gaines. The redshirt sophomore pitched three innings and recorded six strikeouts Wednesday, earning praise from Fox.

"Bryant, he's improved so much. He weighs 218 pounds ... I've never had a kid work like he does. When you work hard and want to be good, you start seeing results."

"He's really moved up the chart for us."

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Adam Warren, UNC's Saturday starter in 2008, pitched in the Fall World Series and gave up six hits in three innings Wednesday.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11



# DINE OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

RSVVP has been fighting hunger for 20 years in the Triangle. Local restaurants will give 10% of their daily proceeds on November 11, and their donations will benefit these organizations: *the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, Urban Ministries of Durham's Community Kitchen, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina,*

DINE OUT AT ONE OF THESE PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

### CHAPEL HILL/CARRBORO

- 35 Chinese Restaurant
- 411 West
- 501 Diner
- Acme Food & Beverage\*
- Akai Hana
- Alfredo's Pizza Villa
- Amante Pizza
- Armadillo Grill
- Azure Grille\*
- Ba-Da Wings
- Bandido's Mexican Café -Chapel Hill
- Bandido's Mexican Café -Hillsborough
- Barbecue Joint (The)
- Bean Traders in Meadowmont
- bonne Soiree\*
- Breadmen's
- Café Parvaneh\*
- Caffè Driade
- Captain John's Dockside Fish & Crab House
- Carmine's
- Carolina Club (The)\*
- Carolina Coffee Shop
- Carrburritos
- Chocolaterie Stam
- China Chef
- China Wok -Carrboro
- Ciao Bella
- Citrus\*
- Courtyard Café-Courtyard by Marriott -Chapel Hill\*
- Crawdaddy's Cajun Café
- Crook's Corner\*
- Crossroads at the Carolina Inn\*
- Cup A Joe -Chapel Hill
- Cup A Joe -Hillsborough

- Daily Grind Espresso Cafe
- Elmo's Diner - Carrboro
- El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant -Chapel Hill
- Evos Restaurant
- Fiesta Grill
- Flying Burrito
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- Glasshalfull\*
- Gourmet Kingdom
- Hong Kong Buffet 501
- Hunan Chinese\*
- Il Palio Ristorante at the Siena Hotel\*
- Jaluka Natural Bistro
- J & J's Deli
- Jade Palace\*
- Jujube\*
- Katie's Pretzels
- Lantern
- La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant
- La Residence\*
- LaRussa's Trattoria
- Lime & Basil
- Linda's Bar & Grill
- Local 506
- Loop Pizza Grill (The)
- Los Potrillos II
- Margaret's Cantina
- Mediterranean Deli
- Mertion\*
- Ming Garden\*
- Mint\*
- Monterrey Mexican Restaurant
- Nantucket Grill -Farrington Road, Chapel Hill
- Oishii Japanese Restaurant\*
- Open Eye Café
- Orange County Social Club

- Oriental Garden
- Pantana Bob's
- Panzanella
- Penang Malaysian & Thai Cuisine\*
- Pepper's Pizza
- Pita Pit (The)
- Provence\*
- P.T.'s Grille
- Red Lotus\*
- Sage Cafe
- Sal's Pizza -Homestead Road
- SANDWHICH
- Shula's 347 at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel
- Spice Street\*
- Spotted Dog Restaurant
- Squid's
- Subway -Glenwood
- Subway -Timberlyne
- Sugarland
- Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen
- Thai Palace
- That Coffee Place
- Top of the Hill\*
- Torero's -Carrboro
- Torero's -Chapel Hill
- Town Hall Grill\*
- Tres Amigos Taqueria
- Tyler's Taproom
- Vespa Ristorante\*
- Weatherwane at A Southern Season
- Weaver Street Market -Carrboro
- Hillsborough
- Southern Village
- Whole Foods Penguin's Cafe

- Ye Olde Waffle Shoppe
- DURHAM**
- Amante Pizza
- Bandido's Mexican Café
- Bennett Pointe Grill
- Blu Seafood and Bar
- Blue Corn Café
- Carolina Ale House
- El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
- Elmo's Diner
- Fishmongers
- Francesca's Dessert Café
- Ideals Coffee House
- Joe Van Gogh
- Magnolia Grill
- Mellow Mushroom
- Nana's
- Nantucket Grill -Sutton Station
- Neo China
- Papas Grille
- Parker and Otis
- Pomodoro Italian Kitchen
- Pop's Restaurant
- Pulcinella's Italian Restaurant
- Roy's Kountry Kitchen
- Rue Cler
- Saladella Café
- Sitar India Palace
- Six Plates
- Thai Café
- Thai Lana Restaurant
- Toast
- Twisted Noodles
- Tyler's Taproom
- Watts Grocery
- Yamazushi
- \*Reservations Suggested



## 2008 RAMPAGE CAROLINA HOMECOMING

**True Blue Fanfare**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
4 p.m., Dean E. Smith Center

Grab your Carolina blue and head to the Smith Center, Concourse A, for free food, giveaways, contests and a celebration of Carolina athletics and Tar Heel pride. Enjoy free Chick-fil-A courtesy of the University Mall location, Domino's, Coke and sweets from Sugarland and Carolina Dining Services.

- Compete in our bow-tying contest sponsored by Southern Proper
- Order of the Bell Tower will crown the event's biggest fan
- Get ready to vie for bragging rights during our Rock Band 2 competition

Appearances by UNC athletes, coaching staffs and coaches including Roy Williams, Mike Fox and Dennis Craddock.



**Women's Basketball**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
7 p.m., Dean E. Smith Center

The Carolina women's basketball team, winners of four-straight ACC championships, begin their march to a fifth-straight ACC title as they take on Premier Players.

**Liquid Pleasure Dance Party**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
9 p.m., Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel  
Proceeds benefit the Eve Marie Carson Junior-Year Merit Scholarship

Join us for a fun time and a great cause. The GAA and the Eve Marie Carson Scholarship Committee invite you to join us for a Homecoming celebration with one of Chapel Hill's legendary bands. Need a ride? Complimentary shuttle service from the Varsity Theatre on Franklin Street begins at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

**Student Tailgate Party**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
9 a.m., Bell Tower

Before heading to Kenan Stadium to cheer on the Tar Heels, enjoy free food from Chick-fil-A of University Mall and Carolina Dining Services. Receive a free swatter to help swat the jackets and an opportunity to win a gift card from UNC Student Stores. Climb the Bell Tower, visit with Rameses and enjoy complimentary face painting.

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