

BASKETBALL

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With or without their key injured players, the Tar Heels haven't missed a beat and have rolled to a 7-0 start to the year.

Each win has been by double digits, and none of the opponents looked capable of beating the Tar Heels.

UNC crushed its three opponents - Chaminade, Oregon and Notre Dame - en route to a Maui Invitational Championship by a combined 89 points.

Lawson was named to tourney's MVP after putting up 22 points and 11 assists against the Fighting Irish.

"It was just basically my teammates making shots for me and taking care of the ball, not putting it in jeopardy," Lawson said after the game. "I'm playing real well

right now."

Along with Lawson, the Tar Heels are led by two vastly improved players - Danny Green and Deon Thompson.

After stepping into a starting role, Green is averaging 14.6 points per game and is showing off a new-found stroke from beyond the arc.

Thompson has emerged as a force down low and is averaging 15.6 points and 8 rebounds per game.

As North Carolina gradually incorporates Hansbrough - and eventually Ginyard - back into the rotation, it will be paramount that Green and Thompson keep up their high levels of production.

Because judging by how UNC's season has gone so far, there's no telling what might happen next.

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ranked No. 1 in the nation at the time.

And coach Mike Fox was named Coach of the Year by Baseball America.

"The thing that swayed us was the fact that he turned a program that was an afterthought in this area into a national contender," said Aaron Pitt, Baseball America's national writer.

"He's done a terrific job this season. It's so difficult to achieve that kind of consistency."

For much of the season, the sure hand and sweet swing of sophomore first-baseman Dustin Ackley led the way for the Tar Heels on the diamond.

Ackley finished the season with a team-high 116 hits and batted

.417 as the leadoff batter, a year after becoming just the fifth Tar Heel in history to bat at a .400 clip or better.

But while Ackley's consistency was set the tone, in the postseason it was Tim Fedroff's bat that was swinging wild.

Fedroff went on a late-season tear, earning all-tournament honors as UNC waltzed into Omaha with five straight wins.

And even though UNC found some late-season success at the plate, the Tar Heels' bread and butter still could be found 60 feet, 6 inches from home - on the pitchers' mound.

UNC's trio of starters, Alex White, Matt Harvey and Adam Warren, combined for a 29-7 season record.

White in particular emerged as one of the top pitchers in the nation, registering a 13-3 record

with a 2.83 ERA.

And nowhere was White's star power more on display than in Omaha. The junior started UNC's opening game against LSU and shut down the power-hitting Tigers as North Carolina rolled to a 8-4 win.

"If he's not the first player taken in next year's draft, I'll be surprised," Fresno State coach Mike Batesole said after the two teams' third meeting.

Following UNC's first loss to eventual national champion Fresno State, White served as a closer in every single remaining game - including a dramatic closeout performance against LSU in an elimination game.

Twice while in Omaha, UNC was saved by clutch home runs.

The Tar Heels stayed alive in their first elimination game against LSU

on the strength of a Tim Federowicz grand slam in the ninth inning that provided the margin in a 7-3.

Against Fresno State in the next game, senior Chad Flack sent a two-run shot over the left field wall to keep his team's season and his college career alive.

But UNC came up just short of the title series when their bats went cold and they mustered only one run in a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Fresno State in the round's last elimination game.

But while the Tar Heels yet again fell short of a national championship, they did add an 18-player recruiting class to make up for the loss of six starters to the MLB.

All signs point to a continuance of the routine.

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SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 4, 2, 5, 8, 9, 1, 3, 6, 1, 4, 6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

Sudoku solution grid with numbers 4, 8, 1, 3, 6, 7, 2, 5, 9, 6, 2, 5, 9, 8, 4, 7, 1, 3, 3, 9, 7, 5, 2, 1, 4, 6, 8, 8, 3, 6, 4, 7, 5, 9, 2, 1, 7, 1, 4, 2, 9, 6, 8, 3, 5, 9, 5, 2, 1, 3, 8, 6, 4, 7, 2, 4, 9, 8, 5, 3, 1, 7, 6, 5, 6, 8, 7, 1, 2, 3, 9, 4, 1, 7, 3, 6, 4, 9, 5, 8, 2

Remembering Carson

A junior-year scholarship is named after the slain student body president. See pg. 7 for story.

Big plans

Carolina First barely concluded before officials considered a new fundraising drive. See pg. 6 for story.

Safety measures

Eve Carson's death sparks a new emphasis on safety, particularly lighting. Go online for story.

Iconic no more

Town officials successfully downsize Halloween celebrations on Franklin Street. See pg. 4 for story.

Trash keeps building

There has been no decision yet on the site of a new waste transfer station. See pg. 10 for story.

Advertisement for 'the Verge' apartments featuring a large '#1' graphic and text: 'College is all about competition... VOTED #1 STUDENT COMMUNITY'.

Advertisement for 'exam SURVIVAL GUIDE in tomorrow's DTH'.

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ACROSS

- 1 Kind of crazy?
5 Changes to fit
11 Train unit
14 Lois of the Daily Planet
15 Business magnate
16 Corrida cry
17 Part 1 of a quip
19 Kingston Trio hit
20 Went out with
21 Stink and then some
22 Email attack?
23 Musician's booking
25 Fridge raiders
27 Part 2 of quip
32 Light gray
33 Horse's morsel
34 Got edgy
37 Covergirl Cheryl
40 Part 3 of quip
42 Transactions
43 Singer Emmylou
45 Old Turkish title
47 Toledo uncle
48 Part 4 of quip
52 Strands, in a way
54 Willickers!
55 Velvety plant
56 Power input point
59 Haste result
63 Mel of baseball
64 End of quip
66 Oolong, for

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- 1 Finished a steal
2 Cheerio!
3 Part of VMI
4 Play an improper card
5 Off-roader, for short
6 Color changer
7 Lot of land
8 Packing a punch
9 Deleted
10 Cone or Cat prefix
11 Pay
12 Bridal path terminus
13 Quantities of paper
18 Check the prose

one

- 67 Varnish ingredients
68 Related
69 Summer hours at MIT
70 Betel nut sources
71 Singletons

22 Waxing result

- 24 Sticky stuff
26 Went quickly
27 Lattice strip
28 Nepal's place
29 A/C controller
30 Hood's gun
31 Hawke or Coen
35 Yale grads
36 Brit. decorations
38 Matures
39 Knights' titles
41 Souffle ingredient
44 Brandy balloon

46 Mo. for Leos

- 49 Latin being
50 Politico Gingrich
51 Crude shelter
52 Dispatched biblical-style
53 Observed
57 Classic saga
58 Point of California
60 Before long
61 Enameled metalware
62 Extremes
64 Writer Levin
65 Sound of a slow leak

Crossword grid with letters O, P, T, I, C, S, H, A, L, T, D, A, B, S, H, I, R, R, M, A, M, A, N, A, B, E, H, E, M, R, E, C, E, I, V, I, N, G, T, A, N, A, W, E, T, I, E, R, E, D, N, E, S, T, P, R, E, T, S, T, O, M, A, C, H, S, A, D, U, E, E, P, H, P, U, R, L, P, A, N, E, L, D, O, T, E, S, O, N, E, T, I, C, K, E, T, F, R, O, N, T, S, T, A, G, S, S, H, M, I, S, E, R, Y, A, H, O, O, C, H, U, B, B, I, C, M, E, S, S, A, D, H, E, R, E, T, O, A, M, I, S, L, A, O, S, T, E, T, L, E, Y, H, A, D, A, I, R, S, T, A, R, T, I, N, G, N, E, C, K, M, S, U, E, N, R, O, L, A, M, A, I, N, O, Y, S, A, S, A, M, I, L, I, D, D, Y

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Religious Directory advertisement featuring various church listings such as 'Wear Your Sunday Worst', 'Ephesus Baptist Church', 'The Church of the Good Shepherd', 'Hill Song Church', 'Newman Catholic Student Center Parish', 'All Saints Church', 'First Pentecostal Church', 'Where reverence meets relevance', 'Chapel of the Cross', and 'Chapel of the Cross'.