## BASKETBALL

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

UNC crushed its three oppo-- 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 team-mates 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

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 newund 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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## BASEBALL

ranked No. 1 in the nation at the

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

"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 Fitt, 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 sopho-more 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 as 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 hon-ors 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 sur-prised," 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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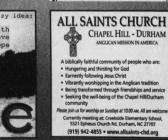
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