

# Tar Heels Open Season Against Trinity Today

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NOT MANY SPORTS fans have been dreaming of a white opening day for baseball at Carolina this season, but just that seems to be destined for the Tar Heels who do things with the little horse-hide that represents America's favorite game. It was the prospect of that that greeted "Coach Bunn" Hearn the day after he made his appearance in Chapel Hill to take up the reins of the Carolina baseball team for his 18th season.

Hearn, who several weeks ago suffered a heart attack at his home in Wilson, returned to Carolina to assume his position as head coach Tuesday, and chilling winds first kept him from the diamond and then a surprising snow flurry turned yesterday afternoon to almost assure a postponement of today's scheduled opener with the Trinity team of Hartford, Conn.

Walter Rabb, intramural director, has been working as coach of the diamond crew until Coach Hearn could take over, and today his products are ready—weather permitting—to make their first appearance of the season.

The 1947 edition of the Tar Heel baseball club, which is expected to be a decided improvement over last season's team, has been battling the weather man all quarter but has nevertheless been worked into a very promising combination. The strong point of the Carolina baseballers will without a doubt be on the mound, where four outstanding moundsmen are ready for action, namely Tommy Andrew, Monk Whiteheart, Hamp Coleman and Vinny DiLorenzo.

All four of these hurlers are lettermen and have had an abundance of experience on which the prospects of a successful season can be based. And the coupling of a good infield combine and some good hitting with this four-some of starting pitchers will almost assure just that—one of the best seasons in years. Too, there are quite a few monogram men vying for the infield and outfield positions, adding to the potentiality of the local diamond team.

However, despite these good prospects, a maximum of experimentation is anticipated in the initial warmup engagements—experimentation in an effort to obtain a really well-balanced working combination. This switching may be the cause for a few losses early in the season, but such is something very necessary and will mean the difference between a winning and losing club later on in the campaign when the games mean more and more.

### Lineup Switches Feature Grid Drills

Carolina's Silver Fox—football tutor Carl Snavelly—has a lot of top-ranking teams to "fox" this season, and the sly producer of winning grid teams is wasting no time in his spring (spring, that is, when the wintry influence is driven out) practices. A good example of this is the opening day moving of Jack Fitch to tailback and Fred Bauer to wingback.

Fitch, the "jumping jack" scabbard, saw only limited activity last season due to a shoulder injury, but during the trek ahead he will be called on more and more for action. So his weight and ability is being tried from the tailback spot, and footballing of Fred Bauer, a 1945 end standout, is being given a chance at wingback. These are by no means permanent changes, mind you, but are experiments and good indications of things to come—namely switches galore in view of one of the best football teams ever to take the field under the Blue and White of Carolina.

It was one of the finest groups of prospective Tar Heels ever to take the field in spring practice Wednesday, and that's admitted even by King Carl himself. Spirit and spunk alike are in abundance as the Carolina "destiny" team gets set for all comers.

NOTING MATTERS. Southern conference baseball has already commenced in full fury, and coming out of that has been two surprising defeats in the loop for State's Red Terrors, the best in the Big Four last season. Furman and Clemson were on the winning ends of the battles, Furman edging the victory on a grand-slam homer in the ninth inning . . . Jack Hussey, Tar Heel baseball slugging prospect, lifted a drive over the left field wall in practice last Saturday. Is it an indication of more to come? . . . Coach Chunky Chuck Quinlan has accepted an invitation to address the Monogram club initiation next Tuesday night . . . What's this about the new Monogram sweaters being of inferior quality to those of past years? . . . And don't forget the Monogram club dance Saturday night. It's time for the athletes to socialize for a change.

### Seligman, Moody, McLeod and Simmons Lead Tar Heel Track Team to Florida

The Carolina track contingent, seven strong, left Chapel Hill yesterday afternoon for the Florida Relay Carnival, which is set for Saturday afternoon at Gainesville, Fla.

One of the biggest attractions of the meet will be the high jump event which will pit Carolina's Jack Moody, one of the best in the country, against Florida's Henry Gardner, who copped top honors in the recent Indoor meet at Chapel Hill.

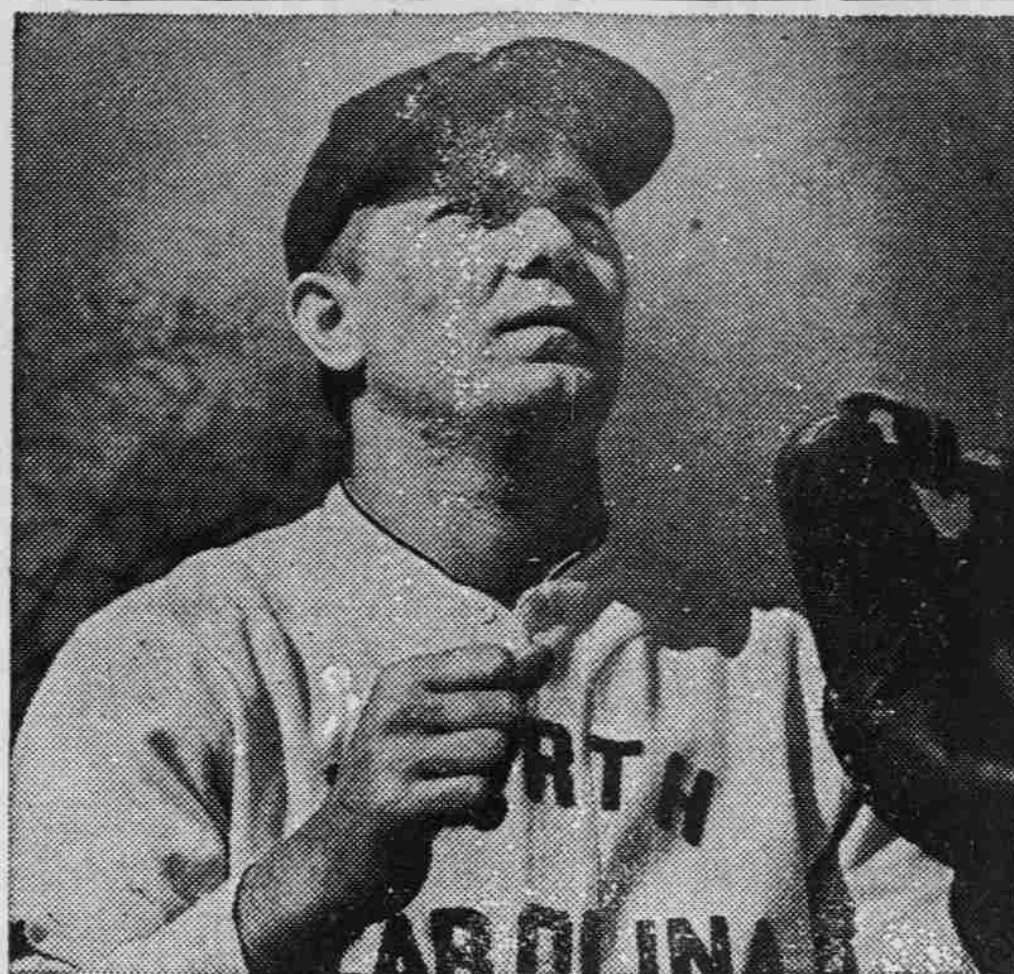
Another expected hot dual is in the shot put which sees Big Bob Seligman of Carolina facing his old team mate George Hills of Florida.

The mile team race, one of the top spectator events, will also see Carolina favored with a team of Jack Milne, Julian Mackenzie and Jimmy Miller.

Carolina's other entries include two Southern Invitation Champions, Norm McLeod in the pole vault, and Chunk Simmons in the high and low hurdle events.

### MEET CALLED OFF

The scheduled track meet between the Freshmen and varsity teams scheduled for this afternoon had been postponed until Monday afternoon due to the inclement weather.



Back in the Tar Heel outfield after a three-year absence, big Jack Hussey, Carolina's version of a right-handed Johnny Mize, will be in the starting lineup in today's initial clash, weather permitting. Jarrin, Jack will patrol right field.

## Weather Causes Calling Of Opening Mural Tilts

Old Man Winter, refusing to be evicted from Chapel Hill with the coming of spring, cut loose with an offensive in the form of a snow storm yesterday afternoon, causing a cancellation in the opening of the intramural softball season until next Wednesday.

The 18 contests cancelled yesterday will be played later in the campaign, and the games in next Wednesday's play will be those already scheduled for that day.

Meanwhile, the intramural office has released the fraternity and dorm standings for mural play thus far this year. The Phi Gams are on top in the fraternity division with 746 points, and Med School leads the dorm division with a total of 673.

The standings:

Fraternity	Pts.	Dormitory	Pts.
Phi Gam	746	Med School	673
Sigma Chi	724	Aycock	649
ATO	649	Grads	477
Kappa Sig	635	Stacy	392
Zetes	627	Alexander	379

Phi Delt	625	Lewis	355
SAE	615	Everett	286
DKE	549	Emerson	281
KA	534	Mangum	266
Pi Lam	470	Graham	253
Beta	406	BVP	238
Sigma Nu	361	Law School	236
Chi Psi	327	Old East	208
Phi Kap	319	Steele	208
Chi Phi	317	Independents	181
TEP	312	Whitehead	176
Pikas	276	Emanons	132
ZBT	243	Nash	118

## Robinson Gets Starting Nod For Initial Tilt at Emerson

By Bob Goldwater

Weather conditions permitting, Carolina's 1947 baseball edition goes on public view on Emerson field this afternoon at 4 o'clock when the Tar Heel nine opens its campaign against the touring Trinity team from Hartford, Conn.

An aggregation that appears to be far superior to last year's Big Four cellar-dweller crew, the local club will make its debut looking stronger in three departments in which the 1946 outfit was deficient—defensive prowess, especially in the infield, batting power and experience. Pitching, the

eran aces from last year. Catcher Jim Hayworth is also slated for backstop duty.

Although still not certain, the starting infield is expected to consist of Jack Brasington at first base, Cookie DiChiara at second, Dub Johnson at third and Freddy Ryan at shortstop. All but Brasington are lettermen.

All members of the junior varsity whose class schedule will permit it are asked to report to Emerson field at 1:30 this afternoon for a short workout.

Varsity members are asked to report at 2:15 o'clock.

chief forte of last year's team, again looms potent with several new comers and one returning letterman to bolster the three mound veterans back form last season.

A right-handed rookie, Frank Robinson, has received the starting hurling assignment from Coaches Bunn Hearn, Walt Rabb and Henry House. A sophomore from Cana, Robinson has shown up well in the pre-season drills to earn the opening nod. His battery mate will be Buck Hardee, a freshman from Whiteville.

Tommy Andrew, a returning veteran from the 1944 combination, is expected to relieve Robinson after his three-inning stint and will himself be followed by either Monk Whiteheart or Vinny DiLorenzo, both vet-

The outfield, probably the strong point of the squad, will have, reading from left to right, Harry Beason, Kenry Black and Jack Hussey, all monogram winners. Black will bat in the cleanup position.

Other players who will see action in the two-team system that will be employed are Dallas Branch, Emmett Cheek, Jim Hamilton, Ott Evans, Red Fahey, Walt Kirk, Bob Mitchell, Bo Hackney and Buster Stevenson.

## Lacrosse Practice Called For Today

Another spring sport gets off to practice this afternoon when the Tar Heel lacrosse squad starts its preparations for the coming season.

All men interested in playing the game are asked to draw equipment in the basketroom at 3 o'clock this afternoon and then report out to the handball courts on the far end of Fetzer field.

Plans call for the squad to journey to Durham Saturday to take part in the clinic that is being held there. The scrimmages will last until April 5 at Duke with movies and talks being given in the evenings by prominent lacrosse officials. It is imperative that all the men who have played the game come out to practice so that an estimate can be obtained as to whether sufficient interest by the student body warrants a schedule.

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