

# Carolina splits opening Summer League starts

## Sports

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Carolina's Lloyd Brewer takes a lead off third base as Atlantic Christian third baseman Tim Hinnant watches the batter. Brewer later scored to help spark a rally, giving the Tar Heels the first win of the 1977 summer baseball season, a 6-3 win over the Bulldogs. Photo by L. C. Barbour.

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The adage is as old as the game itself. Good pitching will always beat good hitting. So, as the UNC baseball team opened their defense of the North Carolina Summer Collegiate Baseball league title last Saturday, they found out that the saying holds merit. When East Carolina came into town last Tuesday, the Pirates seemed to like it, too.

The Tar Heels received route-going performances from pitchers Matt Wilson and Greg Norris in their first two games, but could manage a split of the home stand. Wilson scattered seven Atlantic Christian hits to beat the Bulldogs, 6-3 on Saturday night. Norris did even better, as he allowed only six Pirate base hits.

Norris' only problem was that one of the hits was a ninth-inning, two-out, three-run homer by Pirate catcher Raymie Styons to highlight a Pirate rally and give ECU their first win on their initial outing, 4-2.

There was nothing to be ashamed of in Norris' performance. He gave up the first hit of the ballgame in the fourth inning, a dying grounder that just eluded the outstretched arm of shortstop Jim Atkinson. The first legitimate hit he gave up was a blast up the alley in left by Eddie Gates in the sixth inning, a triple that led to ECU's first run. Third baseman Bobby Supel drove home Gates with a single to left.

Meanwhile, Norris' mound opponent, Mickey Britt, was weaving a masterpiece of his own. He had held Carolina hitless through five innings, allowing only two baserunners. Phil Griffith hit a fading roller to Supel at third, but only a great play would have nailed Griffith at first. Leadoff batter Mike Fox followed with another single and moved up to second when the Pirates tried to throw out Griffith at third.

Brad Lloyd singled up the middle to drive in Griffith and Fox to push the Tar Heels to a 2-1 lead. Lloyd stole second and moved to

third on an infield out, but was tagged out in a rundown trying to execute the running half of a suicide squeeze. Nevertheless, all seemed safe. Then came the Pirate ninth.

Gates started with a hit deep in the hole at short, and moved up when Supel walked on four pitches. Macon Moye grounded out to move the runners up a base. After fouling off two pitches, Styons delivered a line drive that struck the scoreboard and placed the Pirates on higher ground.

Carolina went down fighting. Jim Atkinson rolled a hit into right field to lead off. Then catcher Dwight Lowery poked a Britt fastball to the fence in right, too low and a foot too short to tie the game. Kevin Caddell forced Atkinson at second, and Monty DeRatt grounded out to end the battle.

Norris was brilliant himself. He fanned six of the first ten batters he faced, and finished with ten. Britt gave up only five hits and fanned nine.

Carolina head coach Mike Roberts, who will take over regular coaching duties next spring, credited Norris with a fine performance. He said Norris can throw the strike with every pitch.

"The pitching is always ahead of the hitting," Roberts said. Though his team has only eleven hits in two games, Roberts feels the hitting will pick up.

"If we can get some help from some of the younger kids, we should be in good shape."

In the curtain raiser last Saturday, Brad Lloyd doubled home two runs to insure the first win of the year for the 'Heels. Atlantic Christian held a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the fifth when Lloyd Brewer reached on an error and Griffith singled him around to third. After a walk to Fox, a two-base error brought the baserunners home, and Steve Beach, who reached on the error, later scored on a triple by Atkinson.

P. J. Gay was hit by a pitch with two out in the sixth, and Brewer reached on an infield single before Lloyd's hit. Fox added a run in the seventh when he singled, stole around to third, and scored on a catcher's error.

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## "WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?"

Psalms 2 and Acts 4:25

This question is the opening words of the Second Psalm of the Bible. God's Almighty Revelation of Himself to man. The Psalm tells who the heathen are, why they rage, and the results of this rage, which is a pretty good blueprint of the conditions of the world today. God also tells us the way out, and gives and urges upon us the acceptance of His invitation to come out of adversity, vexation, and confusion into peace and blessedness. However, it appears that we prefer to continue to rage! Someone wrote us and said they had a friend who said if someone did not tell him "what in the hell" this column was raving about he was "going crazy." We replied that we hoped the friend had not as yet gone crazy, but please tell him the object of our raving was to keep him and others "out of hell" rather than "in hell!"

We quote from another letter received from one who does a splendid job of "sitting in the seat of the scornful," witness: "The Holy Bible which you call The Word of God is one of the most obscene books published and it is surprising someone hasn't used its pornography commercially. The entire history of the Christian religion is one of violence, crime, and sin." If this party as a result of the teaching perhaps of a godly mother, or father, or friends, joined some Protestant Christian Church in years gone by, we certainly hope he has had the honesty and sincerity to resign and get out and ask that his name be taken off the church roll! We wish to comment on this since we believe that this is not a rare and isolated case but is shared by great numbers today, even by many who remain in the church to share in its benefits and influence, and especially by some who have attained to high and leading positions in the ecclesiastical world. For example, in recent years a Bishop who was honored by one of the largest Protestant denominations by being promoted to the

highest office his church could give wrote that The God of the Old Testament was a "dirty bully." And another who was advanced to the top position of his great Protestant denomination likened God to Hitler. Of course these men were generally approved and supported by the majority of the preachers and church authorities under them or they would never have reached such high positions.

We replied to the "sitter in the seat of the scornful" quoted above that our reaction to his views concerning God's Book, The Bible, might be illustrated as follows: Suppose here is a man who finds a nest of polecats under his home. In cleaning them out he is defiled with their awful odor, and for a time if folks did not see him but only smell him they would think he was a polecat. But he is not one, but on the contrary deserves to be honored for suffering a while in order to make his home and the abode of his family and loved ones decent and free from the horrible stench.

The unpleasant things in The Bible the "sitters in the seat of the scornful" mock at, appear in order to reveal to all men that the natural man in the eyes of the "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" are as "spiritual polecats" — read Psalm 14:3 noting the margin translation for "filthy," also Romans 1:21-32 — and the only way to get clean from our vileness and avoid being cast into the fires of eternal hell is by being washed in the atoning blood of The Lord Jesus Christ, shed on Calvary, the blood of the one Clean and Perfect Man The Second Adam:

"There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains." This is the Gospel of The Grace of God in Christ Jesus. Don't reject it! In Christ's stead, I beseech you, be ye reconciled to God."

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