



Stephen Beach crosses home plate after homering in the second inning of game with UNC-Wilmington Friday night. Among those greeting Beach are teammates Greg Robinson (10) and Jim Atkinson (12). Staff photo by L. C. Barbour

UNC wins four straight in summer loop play

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Carolina is off and running in defense of last year's Summer League championship. The Tar Heels won four straight games last week, three on the road, upping their early season record to 5-1.

Still early in the schedule the Tar Heels are in first place, one-half game ahead of Louisburg, 4-1. Carolina is taking this week off and resumes play here Saturday against UNC-Wilmington.

The Tar Heels started their victory string last Wednesday night at Louisburg, defeating the Hurricanes 10-6. Carolina was helped by a five-run outburst in the fourth inning, adding three more in the fifth en route to the victory.

The following night the Tar Heels blasted Atlantic Christian, at Wilson, 10-3, as pitcher Monty DeRatt worked eight innings allowing only three hits.

Carolina then recorded two victories over UNC-W, 8-7 in 11 innings on Friday night at Chapel Hill and 9-5 on Saturday night in Wilmington.

In the 9-5 win Jim Atkinson's ninth inning three-run homer sealed the victory for the Tar Heels.

In Friday night's extra-inning affair both the Tar Heels and the Seahawks put on a hitting show, combining for 28 hits, four home runs and 15 runs.

Second baseman Mike Fox's 11th-inning single to center field scored teammate Greg Robinson all the way from first, ending the game in Carolina's favor, 8-7.

Trailing in the ninth by three runs, the Tar Heels came back to tie the game on Robinson's three-run homer over the left-center field fence.

In the ninth both Kevin Caddell and Stephen Beach walked, setting up Robinson's blast.

The eighth inning might have foreshadowed what was to come when twice UNC batters sent drives to the warning

track, only to have them hauled in by UNC-W's outfielders.

After a rather silent 10th inning the Heels got it going in the 11th. With one out Robinson singled and, after DeRatt struck out, Fox won the game with his deep drive over the center fielder's head.

The game had started as if both teams were going to blow the lights off the scoreboard, in view of all the early scoring.

UNC-W got off quick, scoring two runs in the first and one in the second. UNC countered with single runs in the first, second, and third.

In the first Fox opened with a single, then moved to third on Brad Lloyd's single. After two consecutive outs Caddell singled home Fox.

The second and third innings were highlighted by bases empty home runs by Stephen Beach and Jim Atkinson.

With the score tied three-all UNC-W regained the lead with two runs in the fourth and another in the fifth.

The score stood at 6-3 and Carolina's bats suddenly fell quiet until the eighth, after UNC-W had added another run in the top half of the seventh, upping their lead to 7-3.

With two outs in the eighth Atkinson singled home Robinson all the way from first moving Carolina within three runs of UNC-W and leading the way for the fireworks to come in the ninth and eleventh.

With all of this early scoring going on it appeared that neither pitcher would finish the game. Neither did but their exits were under different circumstances.

For UNC, Matt Wilson started the game and went eight innings, getting tagged for all seven UNC-W runs, though all of these were not earned runs (thanks to four UNC errors). Michael Brewer relieved Wilson and finished the game, recording the win.

UNC-W's pitcher was thrown out of the game by the home-plate umpire. After Robinson's ninth inning smash, the UNC-W pitcher stormed off the mound and pushed the umpire, with that the umpire promptly threw him out.

Summer League summary

Standings

	W	L	GB
CAROLINA	5	1	—
Louisburg	4	1	1/2
East Carolina	3	1	1
Atlantic Christian	2	3	2 1/2
Campbell	1	4	3 1/2
UNC-Wilmington	0	5	4 1/2

Results

June 8
CAROLINA 10, Louisburg 6
Atlantic Christian 7, East Carolina 6
June 9
Louisburg 11, Campbell 4
CAROLINA 10, Atlantic Christian 3
June 10
CAROLINA 8, UNC-Wilmington 7
East Carolina 16, Campbell 9
June 11
Atlantic Christian 11, Campbell 5
CAROLINA 9, UNC-Wilmington 5

June 14
East Carolina 10, Campbell 9
UNC-Wilmington at Atlantic Christian
June 15
East Carolina at Louisburg
Atlantic Christian at Campbell

Schedule

Tonight
Atlantic Christian at East Carolina
UNC-Wilmington at Campbell
Friday
Louisburg at Campbell
East Carolina at UNC-Wilmington
Saturday
UNC-Wilmington at CAROLINA
East Carolina at Campbell
Sunday
Atlantic Christian at Louisburg
Tuesday
CAROLINA at Atlantic Christian
Campbell at UNC-Wilmington
Wednesday
Campbell at Louisburg
East Carolina at Atlantic Christian

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