

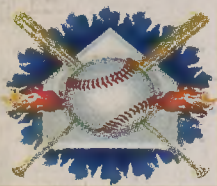
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Jamie McMurray kisses the bricks at Indianapolis after bringing home the checkered Sunday.

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**NCAA probe takes center stage at media day**

BY BRIANA GORMAN  
Durham Herald-Sun

GREENSBORO — Before North Carolina's T.J. Yates and Robert Quinn sat down with the media at the ACC Football Kick-off in Greensboro on Sunday, a team spokesman reminded the reporters standing two-deep that the Tar Heels were not allowed to discuss the ongoing investigation as mandated by the NCAA.

That didn't stop the players, however, from being flooded with questions about how the probe was affecting the team.

It was the first opportunity for UNC football players to make public comments since news broke of the investigation on July 15, and it seemed that every other question during the one-hour, 15-minute session was about the controversy. And even though Yates and Quinn couldn't comment specifically on the investigation that allegedly is looking into improper contact between players and agents, both maintained the Tar Heels will be focused on football when they report for training camp on Aug. 5.

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— T.J. Yates  
UNC Quarterback

"We're going into the season as we're going to be full strength," Yates said. "We can't be thinking any other thing, because we just don't want it to affect us. If you put too much focus on the other stuff going on in and around [the program], I think that'll distract us from what our goals are as a team and distract us going into training camp."

Yates admitted it has been frustrating that the preseason chatter around the Tar Heels has shifted from their on-field potential to their off-field problems, but he's confident UNC will be able to move on from the controversy.

"It is kind of a distraction, but we kind of look at it as we've already taken our adversity for the season," Yates said. "So once we get over this little speed bump, we'll be able to put it behind us and go forward through the season."

Both Yates and Quinn said news of the investigation initially surprised them, but Yates said the

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TIMES PHOTO/LARRY MATHIS

HiToms Kyle Grieshaber gets the force out at first Sunday during the team's outing against Forest City. Despite collecting 13 hits in the contest, the HiToms fell to the visiting Owls.

## Missed Opportunities

**HiToms fail to convert hits to runs in 7-4 loss**

BY ZACH KEPLEY  
Sports Editor

**'It has been the same scenario over and over again.'**

— Tom Dorzweiler  
HiToms Manager

Thomasville had the even numbered innings covered Sunday afternoon in a Coastal Plain League game with Forest City, but the first three odd innings were enough to dispose of the HiToms.

The Owls scored three runs in the first and two each in the third and fifth innings, as the visitors left Finch Field again with the

victory by a 7-4 score.

There were plenty of opportunities made available to the HiToms who sprayed the ball throughout the ballpark for 13 hits, but not many of them were in succession and with runners in scoring position.

"It has been the same scenario over and over again," said head

coach of the Tommies, Tom Dorzweiler. "It does not matter who we face or who they pitch. We hit, we hit, we hit and we hit. Today we had 13 hits and four runs, and we just can't seem to string them together to score runs."

One out singles by the Owls in the first put the defending CPL champions in business during the first frame, leaving starter Ben Grisz in a world of trouble right from the start. He bounced back for a strikeout to record the second out, needing only to put down Cade Stallings to escape. The bomber from Louisville had a different agenda, crushing a three-run shot well over the wall in left field for a 3-0 Owls lead.

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## Myers, Fleming split wins at Bowman Gray

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WINTON-SALEM — With a full moon in the sky on Saturday, fans were reminded why Bowman Gray Stadium is nicknamed "the Madhouse."

For the first time ever, the Bill Plemmons RV World Modified Series competed in twin 50-lap events — and Burt Myers of Walnut Cove grabbed the win for the first race. It was his fifth victory of the 2010 season.

Randy Butner of Pfafftown qualified on the pole with Brian Loftin of Lexington turning a qualifying lap good enough for the outside front row. Butner grabbed the lead as the green flag fell and looked to be in a strong position to race his way to the checkered.

Unfortunately, mechanical issues forced Butner to pit after only a few laps. Burt Myers, who had moved up to second behind Butner, took over the lead with Loftin right behind him.

Double-file restarts forced Myers to defend his lead against Loftin and then later against Jonathan Brown of Winston-Salem. The #1 car of Myers held on for the first four double-file restarts, but Jonathan Brown slammed the gas to grab the lead during the fifth restart. Loftin filed in right behind Brown to claim second.

Brown's lead was short-lived after NASCAR officials black-

flagged Brown for accelerating too early during the restart in which he claimed the lead. Brown was relegated to the rear, while Loftin moved up to claim the top spot.

The tables were then turned for Loftin and Myers, as Loftin defended his lead against the outside-row challenges from Myers. Just like Myers, Loftin defended his lead successfully four times in

a row — and then just like Myers, the fifth challenge proved to be one too many for Loftin, allowing Myers to reclaim the lead.

With no more double-file restarts appearing in the race, Myers held on to the top spot in dominating fashion, taking his fifth win of the

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PHOTO/ERIC HYLTON

Burt Myers collects his trophy Saturday night in the Winner's Circle after winning the first Modified race of the night.