

# CAROLINA SOFTBALL



*The 2000 Season • 47-17 overall, 6-2 ACC*

## Season-at-a-glance

The 2000 North Carolina Tar Heels enjoyed the finest season in the history of the program, finishing with a record of 47-17. They won more games than any Carolina team has since the school switched to fastpitch play in 1984.

The Tar Heels broke school single-season records for hits (531), runs (297), RBI (252), doubles (86), home runs (35) and total bases (746). The Tar Heels have also seen new marks established for career stolen bases (senior Crystal Henderson: 76), career doubles (junior Michelle Semmes: 36) and career home runs (sophomore Natalie Anter, Henderson: 17), as well as RBI in a season (sophomore Kelly Ramsey, 48).

Throughout the season, the Tar Heels led the Atlantic Coast Conference and ranked among the nation's leaders in batting average. At the end of the season, UNC was hitting .317, fifth in the NCAA. Carolina also ranked 17th in the NCAA in winning percentage.

## Quick Facts on the 2000 Tar Heels

Overall record: 47-17

ACC record: 6-2

Head coach: Donna Papa

Alma mater: Connecticut, 1979

Career record: 551-325-2 (17th year)

Record at UNC: 522-310-2 (15th year)

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## Quick Facts on UNC

Location: Chapel Hill, N.C.

Founded: 1789

Enrollment: 24,189

Conference: Atlantic Coast

Affiliation: NCAA Division I

Chancellor-elect: James Moeser

Director of Athletics: Dick Baddour

School colors: Carolina blue and white

Nickname: Tar Heels

## Tar Heels in the ACC Tournament

UNC entered the conference tournament as the top seed, but was eliminated in two games. The Tar Heels lost their opening game 3-1 to Virginia on April 29, then fell to Maryland 4-3 on April 30. Senior Crystal Henderson hit two doubles and a home run in the two tournament games and was named to the All-ACC Tournament team.

## 2000 Results

Feb. 10	Elon	W, 9-0 (5); W, 8-0 (5)
Feb. 13	Radford	W, 9-1 (6); W, 6-3 (6)
Feb. 17	Minnesota	W, 3-0; W, 2-0 (6 inn.)
Feb. 18	Purdue-1	W, 6-0
Feb. 19	Akron-1	W, 11-0 (6 inn.)
Feb. 19	UNC-Greensboro-1	W, 2-0
Feb. 20	East Carolina-1	W, 5-0
Feb. 20	Alabama-1	L, 4-1
Feb. 25	Florida A&M-2	W, 10-2 (6 inn.)
Feb. 26	Louisiana-Lafayette-2	L, 3-0
Feb. 27	Michigan State-2	L, 3-1
Feb. 27	Florida A&M-2	W, 12-2 (6 inn.)
Feb. 29	UNC-Greensboro	W, 10-0 (5 inn.); W, 2-0
March 2	South Carolina	L, 4-3; W, 3-2 (8 inn.)
March 5	At Coastal Carolina	W, 1-0
March 5	College of Charleston-3	L, 5-0
March 9	Mississippi State-4	L, 6-0
March 9	South Florida-4	L, 2-0
March 10	Penn State-4	L, 1-0
March 10	Massachusetts-4	L, 3-2
March 11	Georgia Southern-4	W, 4-0
March 14	Illinois-Chicago-5	W, 5-3
March 14	Northern Illinois-5	W, 8-0 (6 inn.)
March 17	Belmont-6	W, 9-1 (6 inn.)
March 17	Charleston Southern-6	W, 11-1 (6 inn.)
March 18	St. Peter's-6	W, 12-4 (6 inn.)
March 18	Cleveland State-6	W, 2-0
March 19	Akron-6	W, 5-3
March 19	East Carolina-6	W, 5-2
March 19	Southern Miss-6	L, 7-2
March 23	At Furman	W, 3-0; L, 2-1
March 24	Evansville-7	L, 2-0
March 24	Connecticut-7	W, 6-1
March 25	Virginia Tech-7	W, 5-0
March 25	Georgia State-7	W, 3-2
March 25	Illinois-Chicago-7	L, 9-3
April 1	At Virginia (ACC)	W, 3-1 (8 inn.)
April 2	At Virginia (ACC)	W, 11-6
April 5	At UNC-Charlotte	W, 8-0 (5 inn.); W, 1-0
April 8	Virginia-8	W, 3-1
April 8	Florida International-8	W, 7-0
April 9	Radford-8	W, 12-0 (5 inn.)
April 9	Virginia-8	W, 6-2
April 12	UNC-Wilmington	W, 5-0; W, 5-0
April 14	Maryland (ACC)	W, 3-2; W, 2-0
April 16	At Florida State (ACC)	L, 10-9; L, 5-4
April 19	At Campbell	W, 7-0; W, 3-0
April 22	Georgia Tech (ACC)	W, 2-0
April 23	Georgia Tech (ACC)	W, 6-1
April 29	Virginia-9	L, 3-1
April 30	Maryland-9	L, 4-3
May 3	East Carolina	W, 2-0; W, 4-3

1-Triangle Classic, Raleigh, N.C.

2-Louisiana Classics Tournament, Lafayette, La.

3-Conway, S.C.

4-Speedline Tournament, Tampa, Fla.

5-Tampa, Fla.

6-Ringor Winthrop Invitation, Rock Hill, S.C.

7-Buzz Classic, Marietta, Ga.

8-Tar Heel Invitational, Chapel Hill, N.C.

9-Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, Tallahassee, Fla.

### **Round-trippers, with regularity**

For the second year in a row, the Tar Heels established a team single-season record for home runs. Heading into 2000, the mark to beat was 27 by the 1999 team. The 2000 team hit its 27th in the 40th game of the season, against Virginia Tech on March 25, and kept right on going. Carolina finished with a total of 35 home runs in 64 games.

The Tar Heels hit a season-high five against St. Peter's on March 18 at the Ringor Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, S.C., to set a school single-game record.

### **Henderson swipes record base**

On April 12, in a doubleheader against UNC-Wilmington, senior Crystal Henderson stole the 73rd and 74th bases of her career to set a UNC record. Number 74, which broke the record set by Sonya Bright from 1990-93, came in the sixth inning of the second game. After Henderson stole second, the game was halted briefly while UNC coach Donna Papa presented her with a commemorative base, which Henderson has said will go in a trophy case at her home in Severn, Md.

Henderson finished her UNC career with stolen 76 bases (in 86 attempts). She was 17-for-21 during her senior season.

### **Anter rewriting home run records**

Although just a sophomore, Natalie Anter already shares UNC's career home runs record with a total of 17. (The old record was 14, held by Beverly Smith, who is now a tar Heel assistant coach.) Anter finished the 2000 season with nine home runs, just one short of the single-season mark of 10.

Crystal Henderson finished her UNC career with a total of 17 home runs and currently is tied with Anter.

### **Semmes owns doubles record**

With another full season to play, junior Michelle Semmes has inked her name in the UNC record book as the school's career doubles leader. Semmes, a shortstop who led the 2000 team in batting average, finished the season with a career total of 36. The old record was 33, set by Christine Kubin from 1993-96.

Semmes tied and broke Kubin's record with two doubles in the first game of a doubleheader at UNC-Charlotte on April 5. She had 17 this season, the best on the team and in the ACC.

### **Rewriting the records**

The Tar Heels made major renovations to the UNC record book during the 2000 season. Following are records that were tied or broken:

#### **Team single-season**

At bats: 1676 (old record: 1638)  
Runs scored: 297 (old record: 294)  
Hits: 531 (old record: 488)  
Doubles: 86 (old record: 84)  
Home runs: 35 (old record: 27)  
RBI: 252 (old record: 244)  
Total bases: 746 (old record: 667)  
Runners left on base: 391 (old record: 362)

#### **Individual single-season**

RBI: 48, Kelly Ramsey (old record: 45, Beverly Smith, 1992)

## **2000 Honors and Awards**

### **All-America**

Third team: Kelly Ramsey

### **All-Southeast Region**

**First team:** Natalie Anter, Jen Klesaris, Kelly Ramsey, Michelle Semmes

**Second team:** Crystal Henderson, Radara McHugh

### **ACC Player of the Year**

Michelle Semmes

### **ACC Coach of the year**

Donna Papa

### **All-ACC**

Natalie Anter, Crystal Henderson, Radara McHugh, Michelle Semmes

### **All-ACC Tournament**

Crystal Henderson

### **ACC Players of the Week**

Feb. 14: Kelly Ramsey; Feb. 21: Natalie Anter; April 10: Quinn Porter

### **ACC Pitchers of the Week**

Feb. 28: Erin Joseph; April 10: Radara McHugh

### **All-Tournament Teams**

**Triangle Classic:** Natalie Anter, Carrie Bates

**Buzz Classic:** Radara McHugh

**Ringor Winthrop Invitational:** Natalie Anter, Jen Klesaris, Michelle Semmes

**Tar Heel Invitational:** Radara McHugh (MVP), Jen Klesaris, Beth Olen, Quinn Porter

### **Individual career**

Doubles: 36, Michelle Semmes (old record: 33, Christine Kubin)

Home runs: 17, Natalie Anter and Crystal Henderson (old record: 14, Beverly Smith)

Stolen bases: 76, Crystal Henderson (old record: 73, Sonya Bright)

### **Papa passes another milestone**

Coach Donna Papa, in her 15th year in Chapel Hill, earned the 500th win of her UNC career on March 19, when the Tar Heels beat East Carolina 5-2 in the semifinals of the Ringor Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, S.C. Papa earned her 500th career win last season, also in a game against ECU. She reached that milestone on April 21, 1999, with a 2-0 win over the Pirates in Greenville, N.C.

Papa has completed 17 seasons as a head coach. She spent two seasons at Susquehanna University before coming to UNC prior to the 1986 season.

In 2000, she was named ACC Coach of the Year. It was her third such honor in the past five seasons.

### **Hits hard to come by**

The Tar Heel pitching staff held opponents to an impressive .198 batting average during the 2000 season. In just eight games during the season did an opponent hit better than .300 against Carolina and only one team surpassed .400 (Florida State with .448 in the first game of the doubleheader on April 16).

UNC also was stingy when it came to extra-base hits. In 64

games, the Tar Heel pitchers gave up just 53 hits besides singles. Of those, 36 were doubles, eight were triples and just nine were home runs. In contrast, the Tar Heels hit 35 home runs.

### **UNC in the Final NCAA standings**

#### **Team:**

Batting average: .317, fifth

Won-loss: 47-17, .734, 17th

#### **Individual:**

ERA: Radara McHugh, 1.07, 36th

### **UNC in the Final ACC standings**

#### **Team**

Batting: .317, first

Pitching: 1.54 ERA, first

Fielding: .964, tied for second

#### **Individual**

Batting average: Michelle Semmes (.394), second; Kelly Ramsey (.361), fifth; Natalie Anter (.354), sixth; Crystal Henderson (.351), seventh; Jen Klesaris (.344), ninth

Home runs: Natalie Anter (9), second; Kelly Ramsey (7), fourth

Runs batted in: Kelly Ramsey (48), second; Natalie Anter (46), third

Doubles: Michelle Semmes (17), first; Beth Olen (16), tied for second

Triples: Kelly Ramsey (4), fifth

Stolen bases: Crystal Henderson (17), fourth

Earned run average: Radara McHugh (1.07), first; Michael Parrott (1.45), third; Erin Joseph (2.12), sixth

Strikeouts per game: Michael Parrott (7.32), first; Radara McHugh (6.55), third

Saves: Radara McHugh (2), tied for first; Michael Parrott (2), tied for first

Victories: Radara McHugh (23-6, .793), first; Michael Parrott (14-4, .778), second; Erin Joseph (10-6, .625), fourth

### **Slams are grand**

Tar Heel batters hit three grand slams during the 2000 season, compared with none by opponents. Sophomore Natalie Anter's was first, against Akron on Feb. 19. Senior Jen Klesaris' grand slam against St. Peter's on March 18 was one of two home runs she hit in that game. Freshman Quinn Porter hit a grand slam on April 9 against Radford. It was the first home run of her collegiate career.

### **California connection**

The 2000 Carolina roster boasted more players from the state of California—five—than any other state, including North Carolina. Tar Heels who hail from the West Coast are Natalie Anter (Upland), Carrie Bates (Santa Ana), Rosie Gustavson (Santa Ana), Erin Joseph (Upland), and Kelly Ramsey (Del Mar).

### **New additions**

Seven high school seniors have signed letters of intent with UNC and will join the Tar Heel roster in the fall.

- Jennifer "Jenna" Bischoff, P/1B, Tallahassee, Fla. (Leon)
- Heather Hughes, OF/P, Hope Mills, N.C. (Southview)
- Lauren Looper, SS/IF, Charlotte, N.C. (North Mecklenburg)
- Emily Price, SS/2B, Decatur, Ill. (Eisenhower High)
- Jessica Robinson, IF, Asheboro, N.C. (Asheboro High)
- Natashalyn Snipes, SS/OF, Durham, N.C. (Northern High)
- Dionne Streete, SS/3B, Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)

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## **2000 Season Highs and Lows**

### **Carolina's Team Highs and Lows:**

Highest batting average: .556 vs. Charleston Southern

Lowest batting average: .105 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

Most at-bats: 36 vs. Virginia (4/2); vs. Campbell, game 1

Fewest at bats: 19 vs Radford (2/13, game 2); vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

Most runs: 12 vs. Florida A&M (2/27); vs. St. Peter's; vs. Radford (4/9)

Fewest runs: 0 vs. six teams

Most hits: 16 vs. St. Peter's

Fewest hits: 2 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

Most RBI: 11 vs. Florida A&M (2/27); vs. St. Peter's

Fewest RBI: 0 vs. six teams

Most doubles: 5 vs. Illinois-Chicago (3/14); vs. Virginia Tech; vs. Campbell (4/19, game 1)

Most triples: 3 vs. Elon (2/10, game 2)

Most home runs: 5 vs. St. Peter's

Most total bases: 32 vs. St. Peter's

Fewest total bases: 2 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

Most walks: 8 vs. Radford (2/13, game 1)

Fewest walks: 0 in 14 games

Most strike outs: 14 vs. Southern Miss

Fewest strike outs: 0 in five games

Most stolen bases: 5 (5 attempts) vs. UNC-Wilmington (4/12, game 1)

Most errors: 4 vs. Penn State; vs. Illinois-Chicago (3/25)

Highest on-base percentage: .571 vs. Charleston Southern

Lowest on-base percentage: .150 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

### **Opponents' Team Highs and Lows:**

Highest batting average: .488 by Florida State (4/16, game 1)

Lowest batting average: .000 by UNC-Charlotte (4/5, game 1)

Most at-bats: 35 by Virginia (4/2)

Fewest at bats: 14 by Elon (2/10, game 2)

Most runs: 10 by Florida State (4/16, game 1)

Fewest runs: 0 in 26 games

Most hits: 13 by Virginia (4/2); by Florida State (4/16, game 1)

Fewest hits: 0 by UNC-Charlotte (4/5, game 1)

Most RBI: 10 by Florida State (4/16, game 1)

Fewest RBI: 0 in 30 games

Most doubles: 3 by Mississippi State

Most triples: 2 by Florida State (4/16, game 1)

Most home runs: 1 by nine teams

Most total bases: 18 by Florida State (4/16, game 1)

Fewest total bases: 0 by UNC-Charlotte (4/5, game 1)

Most walks: 8 by Alabama

Fewest walks: 0 by in seven games

Most strike outs: 13 by St. Peter's; by East Carolina (3/19)

Fewest strike outs: 0 by Florida State (4/16, game 2)

Most stolen bases: 3 (in 3 attempts) by Penn State

Most errors: 4 by five teams

Highest on-base percentage: .485 by Florida State (4/16, game 1)

Lowest on-base percentage: .067 by UNC-Charlotte (4/5, game 1)

## 2000 UNC Softball Roster

- 1 Crystal Henderson 2B/OF Sr. 5-6 R/R Severn, Md. (Archbishop Spalding)**  
(Starter at second; UNC's career leader in stolen bases; All-ACC, All-ACC Tournament and All-Southeast Region)
- 3 Anna Tharrington OF/C Fr. 5-9 R/R Rocky Mount, N.C. (Southern Nash)**  
(Provided depth at catcher and in the outfield)
- 5 Lauren Parker OF Fr. 5-8 R/R Charlotte, N.C. (Providence High)**  
(Made five starts in the outfield; Played mostly as a pinch runner)
- 6 Carrie Bates 3B Jr. 5-7 R/R Santa Ana, Calif. (El Modena)**  
(Started at designated player or third base; 23 RBI on the season)
- 7 Stacy Fox P/OF Fr. 5-4 R/R Durham, N.C. (Riverside)**  
(Saw time mostly as a pinch runner; Just the second in-state pitcher signed by Donna Papa)
- 9 Michael Parrott P/1B Fr. 5-10 R/R Houston, Texas (North Shore)**  
(Record of 14-4 on the mound during her freshman season; Led the ACC in strikeouts per game with an average of 7.32)
- 12 Jen Klesaris OF Sr. 5-9 R/R Garden City, N.Y. (Garden City)**  
(Starter in center; Had best season of her career at the plate, batting .344, ninth in the ACC; All-Southeast Region)
- 13 Sarah Young 2B/SS So. 5-7 R/R Annandale, Va. (Thomas Jefferson)**  
(Moved from pitcher to be the backup at second and shortstop; Also contributed as a pinch runner)
- 15 Quinn Porter OF Fr. 5-5 L/L Wesley Chapel, Fla. (Berkeley Preparatory)**  
(Starter in right field; Hit her first career home run—a grand slam—against Radford on April 9)
- 16 Beth Olen 1B Jr. 5-9 R/R Mobile, Ala. (McGill-Toolen)**  
(Starter at first; Tied for second in the ACC with 16 doubles; GTE Academic All-America All-District pick )
- 17 Michelle Semmes SS Jr. 5-10 R/R Fayetteville, N.C. (Fayetteville Academy)**  
(Starter at shortstop; Led the team with a batting average of .394; Named ACC Player of the Year and All-Southeast Region)
- 19 Mary Wood IF So. 5-4 R/R Denton, Md. (North Caroline/Queens College)**  
(A transfer from Queens College; Provided infield and outfield depth)
- 20 Natalie Anter C/3B So. 5-7 R/R Upland, Calif. (St. Lucy's)**  
(Starter at catcher or DP; Led UNC with nine homers and shares the team's career record; All-ACC and All-Southeast Region)
- 22 Radara McHugh P Jr. 6-1 S/R Tulsa, Okla. (Bixby)**  
(ERA of 1.07 was the ACC's best, 36th in the nation; Named All-ACC, second team All-Southeast Region)
- 25 Rosie Gustavson OF So. 5-5 S/R Santa Ana, Calif. (Foothill)**  
(Starter in left for all but one game; Ranked second on the team in sacrifice hits with 14)
- 31 Erin Joseph P Jr. 5-4 L/L Upland, Calif. (Western Christian)**  
(With a 10-6 record, ranked fourth in the ACC in victories; Shoulder problems kept her from making additional appearances)
- 33 Kelly Ramsey 3B/C So. 5-9 R/R Del Mar, Calif. (Torrey Pines)**  
(Starter at third or catcher; Holds single-season RBI record with 48; All-Southeast Region and third-team All-America)

### **Head coach: Donna Papa**

(Is 522-310-2 in 15 years at UNC, 551-325-2 in 17 years as head coach; 2000 ACC Coach of the Year)

### **Assistant coach: Beverly Smith**

(Second season with the Tar Heels; works primarily with pitchers and catchers; 1994 ACC Player of the Year for Carolina)

### **Assistant coach: Patti Raduenz**

(First season with the Tar Heels; works primarily with middle infielders and hitting; WPSL All-Star as a shortstop in 1999)