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THE PERFECT STORM

St. John's held the momentum during UNC's season-ending regional game in Chapel Hill.

By Brooke Pryor
Staff Writer

When North Carolina's baseball team took the field for its opening game of the NCAA regionals, it was business as usual.

The No. 1 seed in the Chapel Hill Regional, the Tar Heels took care of No. 4 seed in the regional, Cornell, 7-4 and advanced on their usual track on the winner's bracket.

But a feisty No.3 seeded St. John's team coming off a blowout victory against No. 2 seed East Carolina was waiting, and the Red Storm would be the team to deliver the finishing blow to UNC's season Sunday night.

But Saturday, St. John's struck first, scoring off catcher Danny Bethea's ground out in the second inning. After scoring one more in the third inning, the Red Storm quieted until the final inning.

Shell McCain hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning to give UNC a 3-2 lead. Parks Jordan added another run for the Tar Heels with an RBI double in the top of the ninth, giving UNC a 4-2 lead going into the last three outs.

Without hesitation, UNC coach Mike Fox put All-American closer Michael Morin on the mound to finish the game.

After giving up hits to the first two batters, Morin struck out Zach Lauricella. Morin then faced Bethea. After throwing one strike, Morin left a fastball up in the zone and Bethea connected. The ball sailed over the left field wall and brought all three runners home. With the walk-off home run, Bethea



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The North Carolina baseball season came to an end Sunday night as St. John's handed UNC its second loss in as many days.

The Red Storm bats were too hot for UNC pitchers

The Tar Heels ran into a streaking St. John's team that was tough at the plate.

By Brandon Moree
Sports Editor

The North Carolina baseball team was hosting a regional for the sixth time in seven years, but 2012 marks the first time in that stretch that a hosting Tar Heel team failed to advance to the Super Regional.

All season long, the Tar Heels' pitching depth was touted as among the best in the country. The staff as a whole

posted the fourth best ERA in the nation and boasted two All-Americans.

But the Red Storm is red hot right now — especially at the plate.

"We had that storybook ending yesterday and I think that took a little wind out of their sails," St. John's head coach Ed Blankmeyer said after the game Sunday.

"Sometimes it's destiny. I thought we played our 'A' game, I thought we were playing our best baseball coming in to this and I thought (UNC coach) Mike (Fox)'s club wasn't at their best."

After dropping the regular season ending series against Seton Hall, St. John's tore through the Big East tournament and took their second Big East crown in three seasons.

Continuing that momentum, in three games in the Chapel Hill regional St. John's racked up 38 hits.

Take Danny Bethea's walk-off home run Saturday night for example.

"They swung it well ... we're running freshman after freshman out there and they haven't been in this situation for us," Fox said. "Did they not quite make the pitch we wanted to? Yeah, occasionally, but you have give St. John's credit."

"They swung it well and got the big hits when they needed to and that separates the regional champions from everyone else."

In contrast, the Tar Heels weren't swinging the bats that well and certainly not when they needed it the most.

Much of the Tar Heels' offensive struggles can be attributed to the strong showing from St. John's pitching staff.

What turned out to be the clinching game was just St. John's third game of the regional, while it was UNC's fourth.

As a result the Tar Heels had already used each of their usual weekend starters — Kent Emanuel, Benton Moss and Hobbs Johnson.

So Sunday night Fox started Shane Taylor who had started just three games this season before starting in an elimination game at the regional.

Matt Carasiti who started Sunday's game is a junior with 13 starts already

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Thorp talks aid in capitol

Holden Thorp met with White House officials to discuss financial aid.

By Elizabeth Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

UNC joined a select group of the nation's colleges and universities in a commitment to financial aid transparency this week.

Chancellor Holden Thorp represented UNC Tuesday at the White House, where Vice President Joe Biden and other members of the Obama administration discussed how higher education institutions can provide students with clear and consistent information about the financial commitment associated with student loans.

Thorp said it was not a big deal for UNC to sign on to the plan because it already provides students with comprehensive financial aid information.

"We want to make sure students get the best information they can and that they understand it," Thorp said.

To meet the federal government's new financial aid recommendations, UNC will add estimated monthly payments on student loans and the rate at which graduates repay their student loans — without defaulting — in its financial aid award letters.

According to a White House press release, more college students than ever are depending on loans to pay for college. Two-thirds of bachelor's degree recipients rack up an average \$26,000 in student loan debt.

Thorp said a major part of Tuesday's discussion focused on how universities can provide students with financial aid information clearly but without overwhelming them.

SEE **DEGREE**, PAGE 4

Colleges expand lobbying presence in Washington

Universities nationwide spend more than \$107 million on lobbying.

By Amanda Albright
Staff Writer

Duke University recently joined the lineup of higher education institutions boosting their presence in the nation's capitol.

The nation's colleges and universities have steadily been increasing their spending in Washington, D.C., for more than a decade.

Viveca Novak, spokeswoman for the Center for Responsive Politics, said universities use lobbyists in order to protect funding for federal agencies providing grants.

"The fact that some schools are opening permanent offices in D.C. reflects that times are getting tighter," Novak said. "Federal money is more important than ever."

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federal government, usually in connection with federal funds for research," Novak said.

More than \$107 million was spent on lobbying in 2011 — which is nearly \$40 million more than the amount spent 10 years ago.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the UNC system spent \$473,554 on lobbying efforts in 2011. The system spent \$210,000 in 1999, when it opened its permanent federal relations office in Washington.

Duke spent \$442,165 on lobbying in 2011 — more than a twofold increase since 2001.

Duke's new office, known as Duke in Washington, doubles as an office for lobbyists and an academic building where research takes place and courses are taught.

"We had a lot programs going on and wanted to consolidate resources," said Chris Simmons, associate vice president of federal relations at Duke.

Simmons said the school's lobbyists used to sublet office space in Washington but the new office will enhance Duke's visibility on policy issues.

He said he does not expect the cost of lobbying to increase as a result of the new office.

"We're going to have a big impact because of the physical presence," he said.

UNC-system Vice President for Federal Relations Kimrey Rhinehardt said UNC has maintained a permanent presence in Washington since

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PARKING PAINS

Parking in Chapel Hill can be a struggle. Here's a map that highlights some options, including **new** spaces.

46 **NEW** spots at 106 Mallette St. behind Chipotle.

60 **NEW** spots at University Square West Lot 6PM-6AM

Parking Rates:
\$.50¢ half-hr
\$ \$1.25 an hr
\$ \$.65¢ half-hr
\$ \$2 hr/ \$4 night/
\$ \$6 day
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5pm 6pm 8pm

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Inside TRACK CHAMPS?

Seven members of the UNC track and field team will compete at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. **Page 7.**



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UNC graduate Pete Hinton was charged by the University nearly four decades after he took two summer school classes in 1972. **Page 3.**

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This day in history

JUNE 7, 1883
William Battle Phillips earned the first doctor of philosophy degree (Ph.D.) given by the University.

Today's weather

Partly cloudy with possible showers.
H 78, L 59

Friday's weather

All sun and no chance of rain.
H 83, L 60

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RALPH WALDO EMERSON