

1980 Season Review

The 1980 lacrosse season at North Carolina marked the year the program at UNC came of age.

A potentially explosive but young Tar Heel team began last season with many question marks. By the end of the year, the world of college lacrosse knew North Carolina was a legitimate national championship contender.

The Tar Heels finished 8-4 last season and reached the NCAA semifinals for the first time in the school's history. Carolina tied for third in the Atlantic Coast Conference race with arch-rival N.C. State with a 2-2 record and finished ninth in the final USILA poll of the season.

Still, the Tar Heels earned an NCAA playoff berth and made the most of the opportunity. Carolina won its first post-season tournament game ever and beat Navy for the first time in its history with an 18-11 trouncing of the Midshipmen on their home field in the quarterfinals. A few days later, the Tar Heels pushed top-seeded and eventual NCAA runner-up Virginia to double overtime in Charlottesville before losing a dramatic 11-10 encounter. Carolina held a two-goal lead with less than five minutes to play only to see UVa rally to force the overtime.

Other highlights of the season included a season-opening 14-5 rout of the Cavaliers in Chapel Hill, only the second time in history UNC had beaten the Wahoos. Carolina followed that victory with wins over Towson State, Georgia Tech and Delaware and reached #2 in the poll, its highest ranking ever. After a mid-season slump, Carolina traveled to Lexington, Va. for its regular-season finale and upset Washington & Lee 7-5 for the Generals' first loss of the year on their home field. That victory propelled Carolina into the NCAA playoffs for the third time in five years.

Five Tar Heel players earned All-America accolades last season. Kevin Griswold was a first team choice at midfield while honorable mention picks included Michael Burnett at attack, Pete Voelkel in the midfield and Terry Murray and Gary Burns on defense. Both Griswold and Burns were named to the All-ACC team. Murray and fellow senior Brett Steidle were chosen for the annual North-South All-Star game.

1980 North Carolina Lacrosse Results

Record: 8-4, ACC 2-2

Virginia ☆	W 14-5	at N.C. State ☆	15-20 L
at Towson State	W 14-10	at Washington & Lee	W 7-5
Georgia Tech	W 23-0	at Navy ★	W 18-11
Delaware	W 13-6	at Virginia ★	(2 OT) 10-11 L
Maryland ☆	12-18 L		
Duke ☆	W 10-6	☆ ACC game	
at UMBC	9-18 L	★ NCAA tournament	
Roanoke	W 14-10	All home games in Bold letters	

1980 North Carolina Lacrosse Team Statistics

Goals	UNC 40 38 41 40 0 159	Saves	UNC 45 48 41 61 2 197
Opponents	30 26 29 34 1 120	Opponents	62 50 46 32 2 196
Ground Balls	UNC 190 170 154 180 2 696	Shots	UNC 160 142 158 129 1 590
Opponents	149 164 133 179 3 628	Opponents	105 106 112 133 5 461
Clears	UNC 71 55 68 69 1 264	Broken Clears	UNC 24 21 24 25 94
Opponents	61 53 52 53 1 224	Opponents	22 25 27 13 87

EMO/EMD: UNC 29 for 72 with 78 shots; Opponents 24 for 94 with 79 shots.

1980 North Carolina Lacrosse Individual Statistics

	Shots	Goals	Assists	Pts.	GB	Penalties
Kevin Griswold	75	25	10	35	34	4 for 3 min.
Michael Burnett	41	14	17	31	33	6 for 4½ min.
Doug Hall	46	14	13	27	20	2 for 1½ min.
Terry Martinello	67	21	5	26	27	3 for 2½ min.
Monty Hill	33	13	6	19	22	1 for ½ min.
Tom Federico	40	9	8	17	37	3 for 3 min.
Pete Voelkel	47	8	9	17	48	1 for ½ min.
Jeff Homire	30	8	3	11	12	
Ted Millsbaugh	23	4	4	8	18	3 for 2½ min.
John Schipper	48	7	0	7	40	3 for 2 min.
Dave Wingate	16	6	1	7	8	1 for ½ min.
Mark Stangl	27	6	0	6	21	
Tim Voelkel	5	1	5	6	10	
Bob Volker	9	4	1	5	11	1 for 1 min.
Brett Steidle	18	2	3	5	41	6 for 5½ min.
Tom Maroney	10	3	1	4	8	2 for 2 min.
Bill Ness	11	2	2	4	27	1 for 1 min.
Dan Aburn	5	3	0	3	1	
Keith Braddish	2	2	1	3	7	
Chris Mueller	4	2	1	3	4	
Steve Stenersen	12	2	1	3	20	3 for 2½ min.
John Basil	3	2	0	2	22	
Gary Waters	2	1	0	1	0	
Tony Austin	1	0	0	0	7	
Gary Burns	0	0	0	0	37	12 for 10 min.
Paul Davies	0	0	0	0	36	7 for 5½ min.
Hunter Francis	0	0	0	0	30	
Chuck Funderburk	0	0	0	0	2	1 for 1 min.
John Haus	2	0	0	0	16	10 for 9 min.
Michael Melamerson	0	0	0	0	3	
Roy Messinger	4	0	0	0	16	4 for 4½ min.
Terry Murray	0	0	0	0	25	10 for 6 min.
Craig Rogers	0	0	0	0	2	
Tom Sears	0	0	0	0	40	
Peter Wilkens	0	0	0	0	5	1 for 1½ min.
Ken Wyker	0	0	0	0	0	
North Carolina Totals	590	159	91	250	696	94 for 76 min.
Opponents Totals	461	120	67	187	628	72 for 55 min.

Goalkeeper Statistics: Tom Sears 111 saves, 72 goals (.607); Hunter Francis 85 saves, 48 goals (.639).

Faceoffs: John Schipper 54 of 108, Steve Stenersen 37 of 68, Terry Martinello 32 of 59, Ted Millsbaugh 20 of 37, Tom Federico 12 of 22, Brett Steidle 5 of 10, Chuck Funderburk 4 of 4, Kevin Griswold 3 of 8, Craig Rogers 0 of 1, Doug Hall 0 of 2.

UNC Lacrosse All-Star Team 1970-79

Recently, former North Carolina professor H. Rutherford Turnbull, long a supporter of Carolina lacrosse, compiled an All-Star team for UNC lacrosse for the decade of the 1970s. Here is Turnbull's All-Star group for the years 1970-79.

Attack: Harper Peterson, Bert Fett, Bruce Ledwith; **Alternates:** Kevin Griswold, Tom Venier.

Midfield: John Donato, Randy Gilbert, Larry Turkheimer, Glen McKenzie, Bruce Fiske, Bill McGowan.

Defense: Paul Truesdell, Dave Klarmann, Ralph "Rip" Davy; **Alternates:** Doug Fierro, John Shillinglaw.

Goal: Peter Kramer; **Alternate:** Larry Myers.

Coach: Willie Scroggs.