

Sankey's Scrambling Kills Tar Heels

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Going into Saturday's game against Wake Forest, North Carolina's defense had one major goal: stop Demon Deacon running back Morgan Kane.

But somewhere in the mix, they forgot about Wake quarterback Ben Sankey.

The UNC defense accomplished its primary task, limiting Kane to 71 yards on 28 carries.

"We wanted to stop somebody because we haven't stopped nobody the whole year," North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers said.

While Peppers and the rest of the defensive unit stopped Kane, they didn't fare as well against Sankey.

Negating the 29 yards Sankey lost on five UNC sacks, he rushed 15 times for 78 yards.

"There was no question, they weren't going to let (Kane) beat us," Wake Forest coach Jim Caldwell said. "They took him away. Option plays, that's why Ben Sankey had so many runs when he was kind of ducking up underneath, primarily because they were taking an end and running him upfield to the pitch.

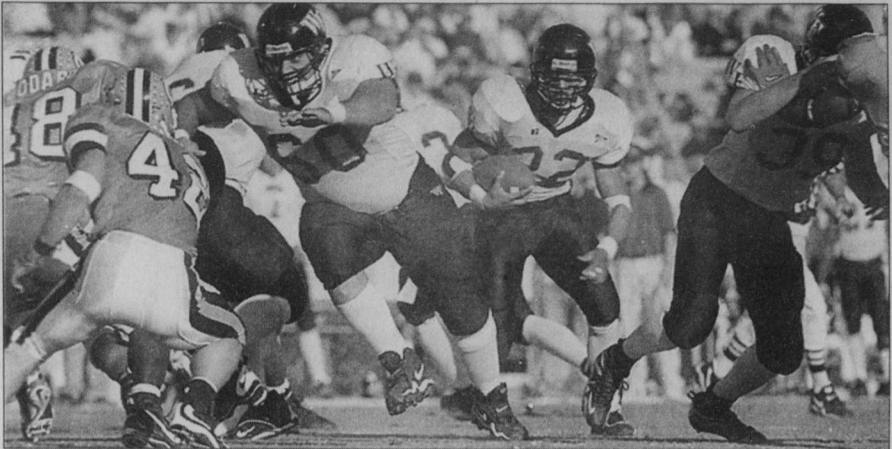
"They weren't going to let Morgan get that pitch consistently."

On Wake Forest's fourth series, an eight play, 80-yard drive, Sankey rushed 22 yards down the right side on a third-and-seven play to give the Deacs the ball at the UNC 28-yard line. Two plays later, he scampered 19 yards on second-and-six to give the Deacons first-and-goal at the 5.

On second-and-goal, Sankey avoided UNCA safety David Bomar's rush, scrambled to his right and found Demon Deacon fullback Rhamen Love-Lane for a 5-yard touchdown.

"We had some great blocks downfield, and I was just trying to lead off some blocks," Sankey said. "They had a real good defensive scheme for us. They were making me run the ball, which I had to try to make a couple of good first downs. That's what a quarterback has to do sometimes, make a couple of plays."

Sankey's made more than his fair share of plays. His scrambling ability also enabled him to complete 15-of-23



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Even though North Carolina was able to hold Wake Forest's Morgan Kane to 71 yards on 28 carries, the Tar Heels were still burned by Demon Deacon quarterback Ben Sankey, who rushed for 49 yards.

passes for 132 yards.

With the Demon Deacons leading 10-3 in the third quarter and facing a third-and-four, Sankey fought off North Carolina defensive end Joey Evans and delivered a short pass to Kane, who danced for 15 yards and a first down.

On the next drive, a march that would last 15 plays and 62 yards while taking 7:28 off the clock, Sankey avoided two rushers and on a first-and-10 play from the Wake 45, rolled left, and found Deacon receiver William Merritt for 24 yards.

"I liked him because he kept coming back, he didn't ever quit," Peppers said. "Those are the type of players I like."

Players Continue to Support Torbush

After dropping to 1-8 with the loss to the Demon Deacons, UNC's players were once again queried repeatedly about coach Carl Torbush's future and the job he has done this season.

And, once again, the players opted to shoulder the blame themselves. "Coach Torbush asks us to do a job, and if we don't get that job done, it's not his fault, it's our fault for not getting it done," UNC fullback Deon Dyer said.

"You can't blame Coach Torbush for what goes on out there on the field. He can't go out there and play. All he can do is put the best people out there to do what's asked. I don't feel like much of this is his fault at all."

Torbush has been under fire from fans and media as UNC continues to languish in the ACC cellar, losing week after week.

But Torbush said he didn't think the loss to Wake affected his job standing any more than any of the Tar Heels' seven other losses.

"I'd hate to think one ball game would make or break my career,"

Torbush said. "That's something I don't even intend to deal with right now. What I deal with is being the head football coach at the University of North Carolina and helping our young players through some adverse times."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Whittlesey Gets Nod As ACC Coach of Year

North Carolina cross country coach Michael Whittlesey, in his second season at the helm at UNC, was named ACC Coach of the Year on Monday after leading the Tar Heels to their second-ever conference championship.

UNC knocked off N.C. State, which had won the previous five titles, at Finley Golf Course on Nov. 1.

UNC Golfers Earn Spots In National Rankings

The Nov. 2 edition of the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings features two North Carolina players among the country's top 25 individual golfers.

Senior Max Harris is ranked in a three-way tie for 14th among men's players, and senior Marcy Newton is ranked No. 20 for the women.

Tar Heels to Play Host For NCAA 2nd Round

The North Carolina women's soccer team will begin its drive for its 16th national championship in 19 years at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fetzer Field.

UNC (19-2) is seeded No. 2 in the NCAA Tournament and received a first-round bye. The Tar Heels will take on the winner of Wednesday's game between Central Florida and Furman.

Tickets for Saturday's contest will cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students, senior citizens and children age 12 or younger.

Tar Heel Fencers Roll In Weekend Tourney

The UNC fencing teams excelled at the Temple Open on Sunday in Philadelphia.

Kraig Peterson finished second in the men's epee, George Leach came in fifth in the foil, and Jimmy Steele was eighth in the sabre.

For the women, Meghan Neumann finished second in the sabre. Tara Miranda placed eighth in the foil, while Maia Kaplan finished ninth. In the epee, Janeen Hicks came in fifth.

Field Hockey's Keller Garners ACC Honors

North Carolina freshman midfielder Meredith Keller was recently named ACC Rookie of the Year.

Keller, who has started all 20 games for the Tar Heels (15-5), is the first UNC player to win the award since 1994.

Junior back Jana Toepel earned All-ACC and ACC All-Tournament honors for the second consecutive year.

She was joined on both teams by junior forward Kristen McCann, who also was All-ACC in 1998. McCann leads the team with 14 goals and 31 points.

Sophomore midfielder Carrie Lingo earned her first All-ACC selection. *From Staff Reports*

UNC Rowing Takes Pairs, Eight Races

North Carolina races this weekend against six teams, including ACC foes Clemson, Duke and Virginia.

Staff Report

The North Carolina rowing team turned in a solid weekend of racing on Lake Lanier (Ga.) this weekend, returning home with several wins.

In Saturday's Head of the Chatahoochee, the Tar Heels earned a win in the varsity pairs. In Sunday's Chatahoochee Chase, UNC again claimed the varsity pairs race and also added a win in the varsity eight.

"Sunday was a good day of rowing after the challenging day we had on Saturday," UNC coach Joel Furtek said. "This weekend, we got in a lot of good hard work and good miles and also got a couple of victories to make us feel good about our ultimate speed. We look forward to finishing up the fall season in Charlottesville (Va.) next weekend."

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