

TALKING IT UP

With Larry Fox

Who' Hoppen, Coach?

WAY BACK IN SEPTEMBER word seeped out of Woollen Gym that Carolina had assembled one of the strongest freshman football squads in history, one that was expected to surpass last year's undefeated Tar Baby outfit. Something slipped up, however, and now that the season is more than half over, the frosh have a record of three straight losses.

Everyone's been asking about the downfall of the vaunted yearlings and it seems strange that the only answer possible is that they've looked better than their record. They couldn't look much worse. Not only have they dropped three consecutive games, but they failed to score a point in their first two contests. And in losing they've never looked exceptionally bad against an opponent.

Perhaps things have worked themselves out, however, for in the second half against Wake Forest last week, the Tar Babies looked good, better than they have all season. "That's the first time they played football all year," commented Coach Crowell Little. For the first time they played as a team, he added. They held the Baby Deacs scoreless after the intermission and in a strong last quarter rally, tallied their first two touchdowns of the year.

Somebody Moved the Goal Line

AN OLD WEAKNESS came out in the closing minutes of the game last week. Twice in the final three minutes, the Tar Babies were handed possession of the ball as Wake Forest fumbled and then had a pass intercepted; and both times Carolina was unable to move the ball the 40 yards that would have tied up the game.

Against Virginia and also against N. C. State, the Tar Babies staged several drives from deep in their own territory only to have them slow down, sputter once or twice, and stop when they got close enough to reach over and touch the promised land. The opposition would pull into what amounted to an 11-man line and just stood firm every time the Carolina horde of backs took turns knocking their collective head against a concrete wall.

Lack of scoring punch was, and still is despite the 12-point spree against the Baby Deacs, the big problem for the Tar Babies and if we had the solution we could command as big a salary as any of the top football mentors in the land. If it was merely a question of no material, that would end the discussion right there, but fortunately for Carolina football prospects although not so for our logic the Tar Babies have more good, fast, tricky backs than they know what to do with. In fact, their last-quarter touchdown drive was sparked by Collier Hill, who came off the bench after Bill Albans was hurt and who probably wouldn't have had too much of a chance if Frank Wissman hadn't been hurt the week before.

Any day on Navy Field you can see about 20 freshman backs running plays and each man is almost as good as the others on the squad. Most of them have never run from the T formation, however, and neither of the top quarterbacks has played under the center. That's had several bad effects.

He Called the Wrong Play

THE QUARTERBACKING of the squad had been doubtful to say the least and in several instances has been pretty poor. This has been especially true around the goal line where the call has generally been for plunges right into the middle of the massed line rather than off-tackle or wide end runs. You've got to be pretty good to power through a solid group of 11 men. The opposition has been bunched up in the middle for a reason, too. The Tar Babies' passing attack has been almost non-existent. Against State they attempted 17 and completed a grand total of three. They also gave the varsity an example to be used against Tennessee by having five intercepted.

This has also been partly the result of the T. Steve Havran, whose loss to the team leaves them with one quarterback, was a single wing man all through high school while Bill Ellington is a converted fullback. Ernest Liberati, who's played at halfback, will see action under the center to fill the gap, but he's also played from the tailback position all his life. There's a great difference between passing from the T and passing from the single wing. In the T, the quarterback has to pivot, fake a hand-off, move back, turn and throw, while in the single wing he gets the ball several yards back and has plenty of chance to look for a receiver.

It Takes Practice

TO CONVERT TO THE T takes a long time and lots of practice and that's one thing the Tar Babies haven't had. In recruiting boys to play at Carolina, the scouts pick single wing men almost exclusively and these men have had to learn a new style of play. That takes a great deal of work—it took Sammy Baugh about two seasons to really change over—and the Tar Babies just haven't had a chance to practice together. Before the opening game of the season, they'd held exactly two workouts as a unit.

They've been running opposition plays against the varsity all season, the main reason for using the T, and this week has given them one of the first real chances they've had to work without too much fear of interruption. William and Mary runs from the single wing. So, Tuesday afternoon Coach Little lined the squads up to do a little scrimmaging and discovered he had a "line and a half," which doesn't do anybody any good. Whoever heard of a football team—without a line?

That lack of team work has made itself felt in the missed signals, fumbles, pass interceptions, and all-around sloppy play of the freshmen. It's hindered them in developing from a bunch of good ballplayers into a team, and last Friday showed that they may at last be on the way.

They've shown the potentialities and a team with such outstanding backs as Bud Wallace, a real triple threat fullback who is great on defense, Ellington, Liberati, Hill, and Jack Cooke will still settle down and score a lot of touchdowns; if not this year, then in 1950 with the varsity.

There are plenty of good linemen on the squad and Tom Higgins, George Norris and Barry Rizzo should help to fill in the big openings at end. A nucleus of tackles and guards from the frosh will play a lot of ball next year as will centers John Harris and Joe Orsino.

It's been a hard season for all concerned after the big buildup, but they may be able to go to town against Maryland and two weeks after that may be rough in the big one—Thanksgiving Day against Duke.

MEET POSTPONED

Coach Dale Ranson announced yesterday that the intersquad Blue White meet will be postponed due to the weather. The meet will be held Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

COED VOLLEYBALL

7:15 — Alpha Gam 1 vs Carr; Tri Delt 1 vs Pi Phi 1.
8:00 — Pi Phi 3 vs Alpha Delt; Pi 5; Tri Delt 2 vs Kenan.
8:45 — Chi Omega 5 vs Alpha

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Two Frosh Leave Team To Go Home

Personal problems at home have prompted two leading members of the freshman backfield to leave school and head home, but one of them, Frank Wissman, will probably be back as soon as his difficulties have been settled.

Steve Havran, first string quarterback for the Tar Babies, has probably returned home for good to rejoin his wife and child in Olyphant, Pa. Havran, who is 25 years old, was reported to be having some difficulty with his studies.

Wissman, who hails from Philadelphia missed last week's game with Wake Forest because of an injured leg muscle, went home to see his mother about some personal difficulty and is expected to return to school as soon as he is able.

The loss of Havran means that the main quarterbacking burden against Maryland tomorrow afternoon will fall to Bill Ellington. Ernest Liberati, who has done worked under the center yesterday as Ellington's relief.

Wissman's absence means that the Tar Babies will have to go down three levels for their right halfback. Bill Albans was hurt seriously last week, but Collier Hill should fill in very well. Hill sparked Carolina to a last quarter rally against the Baby Deacs and scored the first touchdown of the year for the Tar Babies.

Tar Heelers Prep For Penn State

With half of their ten game schedule already completed, the Tar Heel and Toers take on their toughest opponent as they begin the remaining portion of the season.

Come hell or high water, the Carolina booters should be fully prepared when they encounter Penn State at State College, Pennsylvania on Saturday morning. The only kind of weather the Tar Heels won't be prepared for is snow.

Coach Marvin Allen, aided by his co-captains Frank Nelson and Jess Greenbaum, sent his charges through a two hour workout yesterday which ended with a short scrimmage. On Tuesday, the soccer men practiced for an hour in a driving rain which prevented the players from seeing from one end of the field to the other.

The Nittany Lions are undefeated this year, and although the Tar Heels have improved considerably in their last four games, the boys from Penn State will be a heavy favorite on Saturday.

With Don Ahearn, Eddie Foy, and Dave Ferebee moving the ball toward the opponents goal, Coach Allen and his team could possibly return with their fifth victory.

Penn State defeated the Navy booters 3 to 0 after the Middies had already trounced the boys from Chapel Hill 3 to 0.

Duke's Earon Named AP Lineman of Week

NEW YORK, Nov. 2—(AP)—A Northern lad who went South to play football is this week's Lineman of the Week.

Blaine Earon, Duke's sophomore end from Altoona, Pa., won top honors in the weekly Associated Press voting for his superb performance against Georgia Tech.

He is one of the few sophomores to gain the award in the six years since the Lineman of the Week recognition was started.

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TODAY VILLAGE



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Ronnie And Charlie Watch As Tar Heels Work In Mud

Ronnie Justice was in light equipment yesterday, as he stood on the sidelines and watched the rest of the Tar Heels slip and slide through the mud of Navy Field in preparation for Saturday's coming battle with William and Mary's Injuns. Ronnie was accompanied by his father Charles, who also plays football.

The aforementioned Charles was not in uniform, light or heavy, due to a rib injury sustained in the Tennessee game. Although not serious, Justice was held out of the drills for the last three days in an effort to give him a full rest before Saturday.

Tackles Julian King and Dalton Ruffin and Guard Joe Augustine were in light equipment, suffering from old injuries. All but Augustine are expected to be in fine fiddle by Saturday.

Fred Sherman was back on the injured list as he once more fell prey to a knee injury. He was hurt during yesterday's long scrimmage and was taken out of play.

With Ed Washington and Billy O'Brien playing the part of Vito Rigazzo, pass snagging Indian end who has already caught 11 touchdowns this year, the Tar Heel defensive forces went through a long and spirited workout. The defenders looked good in stopping the majority of the William and Mary plays run against them by other Carolina men.

While the defensive units were slipping and sliding on one end of the watery Navy Field the offensive contingent had its kicks at the other end. A backfield composed of Blocking Back Joe Kosinski, Wingback Bob Gantt, Tailback Bud Carson, and alternating fullback Dick Wiess and Billy Hayes spent considerable time on running plays, with Wiess and Carson looking very good on occasion.

Come Saturday, the Tar Heels will be out to try and stop the antics of Rigazzo and Buddy Lex who have been running around like they know what to do with a football. Beside that pair, the Tar Heels will be watching big Jack Cloud, the hard plunging fullback who put a crimp in the Tar Heels' game last year.

Injuns Prep

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Nov. 2—(AP) The William and Mary Indians today spent a long practice session working entirely on defenses designed to stop North Carolina's running and passing.

Sophomore backs Tom Martin, Ed Weber and Don Howren looked especially good as the Indians worried over the Tar Heel plays.

All of the squad was in uniform today except Senior End Colin Davis.

Mural News

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

4:00: Field 1—BVP vs Manley; 2—Graham vs Nash; 6—Aycock 1 vs Hut 3; 7—Ruffin vs Steele.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

5:00: Court 1—Med School 1 vs Pharmacy School.

TABLE TENNIS SCHEDULE

7:00: Tables 1 & 2—Med School vs Med School 3.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

4:00: Hoyle-Buckner vs Umstead-Jacobs; Oberdorfer-Aldridge vs Williams-Moore.

Open Doubles

4:00: Welburn-West vs Taylor-Rice; Duval-Haroutunian vs Ager-Wilder.

INTRAMURAL GOLF

Because of the recent rainy weather Pro Ed Kenny and the Intramural department have extended qualifying time for the mural golf tourney through 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

10 A-Dorm Steele 7

2 Mangum Town 0

0 Alexander 1 Nash 0

1 Alexander 2 Aycock 1 0

13 Everett Manley 8

20 Q Hut 2 Whitehead 0

1 Law School Aycock 2 0

1 Wesley Rockets Graham 0

Snead Shoots 68 To Take Lead In NS Open Golf At Pinehurst

PINEHURST, Nov. 2—(AP)—former national amateur king Sam Snead, the slammer from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., unloaded a hot 33-35-68 today to grab the first round lead in the North and South Open Golf Tournament by one stroke.

The PGA champion and leading money winner of the year had most of the gallery at his heels as he toured the 6,952-yard

course. Snead's lead was held by Gene Sarazen of Germantown, N.Y., and Denny Shute of Akron, Ohio.

The field of 111 didn't exactly tear apart the course as the 72-hole, \$7,500 event got under way.

The back nine in particular was rough on most of the contestants. Conditions were good despite yesterday's heavy rains.

Ward Fires 73

PINEHURST, Nov. 2—North Carolina's Harvie Ward was tied for third with two others among the amateur in North and South Open here at the conclusion of the first day of play.

Ward, fired a 38-35-73, straying two-over-par on the front side, but coming in one-under on the difficult back nine. That left the Tarboro terror tied with Jimmy McHale and Julian Boros. Skee Riegel led the simon pures with a 71 with Frank Stranahan grabbing second spot by carding a par 72.

par 72 Pinehurst Country Club course in four-under par fashion.

His performance left him one stroke ahead of Ted Kroll, Philmont, Pa., and Johnny Bulla, Pittsburg, Pa. who is playing out of the Southern Pines Mid Pines Club.

Three pros shared fourth place at 70. They were Gene Dahlbender, former Atlanta amateur star, now a pro out of Mamaroneck, N.Y.; Walter Romans, Baltimore, and Pete Cooper, Ponte Vedra, Fla.

Five others broke par by a stroke with 71s. They included Cary Middlecoff, National Open champion from Memphis, Tenn., now playing out of Ormond Beach, Fla.; Johnny Palmer of Badin, PGA runnerup to Snead;

Frosh Seeking First Win Against Duke At Durham

Seeking its first victory of the season against three setbacks, the Carolina freshmen soccer team travels this afternoon to Durham to engage the Duke frosh in a return match.

Already beaten this season by Duke in a 4-2 game, the Tar Babies are out for their initial win. Every loss to date has been in close games which could have gone the other way had there been a little more efficiency in the scoring zone.

The visitors will be depending greatly on the services of Gus Varkaris who could make the difference in the front line for Carolina. However, his duty will be limited due to a recent illness. When not up front with the task of scoring, Varkaris plays a de-

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